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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

It is most surprising to note that, in spite of all the attention given to the Bible and to the preparation of children's versions of the Bible, no Reader is available containing selections from the Prophets adapted to the needs of children. In our public schools throughout the country, children in the highest grades study Shakespeare and other English poets. Our own classics and, among them, the Prophets, are, however, neglected. Often the attitude is expressed that since the Bible is a sacred book, it cannot be taught as literature. The result of this attitude is reflected in the woeful ignorance displayed by our young people of the words of the most inspired leaders and teachers of Israel.

The first requisite for such study by the young is a Reader suited to the needs of children and young people—one which will include those selections from the Prophets that are most beautiful and significant. "The Voice of the Prophets," the fifth in our series of Bible Readers, prepared by Mamie G. Gamoran, is, to my knowledge, the first attempt in this direction. It will enable the teacher to teach the Prophets as great literature, as well as to use the book for illustrative readings related to Jewish History.

In choosing her selections from the Prophets, the author followed a number of basic principles. First consideration for inclusion was given to those passages reflecting significant

ideas and ideals of the Prophets which were at the same time of intrinsic beauty from a literary point of view. The passages thus selected were carefully examined for their appropriateness as reading matter for young people as well as with a view to the exclusion of references unsuited to the young. An important factor in favor of selecting certain passages was their fame. Other things being equal, it was deemed advisable to include such passages as have become well known either in Jewish life or in literature as a whole. The teacher would do well to call the attention of children to these passages in the process of instruction.

While the translation followed is that of the Jewish Publication Society Bible, deviations were made when deemed advisable with a view to simplifying the text in accordance with the needs of children.

Two books have been prepared to accompany this volume, "The Jewish Prophets" and "Teaching the Prophets" by Dr. Harry L. Comins. The latter is particularly helpful for it contains many teaching suggestions. Our teachers will find it advisable to consult standard commentaries as well as books on teaching the Bible from a literary point of view.

It is the fate of the classics not to be read. This partly accounts for the neglect of the Bible as a whole and the Prophets in particular. It is our duty to see that the voice of the prophets continues to be heard today. We can help by bringing their words and message to the young in our schools.

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GOD REASONS WITH ISRAEL

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth,
For the Lord hath spoken:
Children I have reared, and brought up,
And they have rebelled against Me.
The ox knoweth his owner,
And the ass his master's crib;
But Israel doth not know,
My people doth not consider.

Ah sinful nation,
A people laden with iniquity,
A seed of evil-doers,
Children that deal corruptly;
They have forsaken the Lord,

They have despised the Holy One of Israel,
They are turned away backward.

The whole head is sick,
And the whole heart faint;
From the sole of the foot even unto the head
There is no soundness in it;
But wounds, and bruises, and festering sores:
They have not been pressed, neither bound up,
Neither mollified with oil.

Your country is desolate;
Your cities are burned with fire;
Your land, strangers devour it in your presence,
And it is desolate, as overthrown by floods.
And the daughter of Zion is left
As a booth in a vineyard,
As a besieged city.

Except the Lord of hosts
Had left unto us a very small remnant,
We should have been as Sodom,
We should have been like unto Gomorrah.

Hear the word of the Lord,
Give ear unto the law of our God,
To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices
unto Me?

Saith the Lord;
I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams,
And the fat of fed beasts;
And I delight not in the blood
Of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats.
When ye come to appear before Me.
Who hath required this at your hand,
To trample My courts?
Bring no more vain oblations;
It is an offering of abomination unto Me;
New moon and sabbath, the holding of
convocations—
I cannot endure iniquity along with the solemn
assembly.
Your new moons and your appointed seasons
My soul hateth;
They are a burden unto Me;
I am weary to bear them.
And when ye spread forth your hands,
I will hide Mine eyes from you;
Yea, when ye make many prayers,
I will not hear;
Your hands are full of blood.
Wash you, make you clean,
Put away the evil of your doings
From before Mine eyes,
Cease to do evil;
Learn to do well;

Seek justice, relieve the oppressed,
Judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Come now, and let us reason together,
Saith the Lord;
Though your sins be as scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow;
Though they be red like crimson,
They shall be as wool.
If ye be willing and obedient,
Ye shall eat the good of the land;
But if ye refuse and rebel,
Ye shall be devoured with the sword;
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken.

Chapter 1.

THE VISION OF THE FUTURE

And it shall come to pass in the end of days,
That the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills;
And all nations shall flow unto it.
And many peoples shall go and say:
Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
To the house of the God of Jacob;

And He will teach us of His ways,
And we will walk in His paths.
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
And He shall judge between the nations,
And shall decide for many peoples;
And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning-hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war any more.

Chapter 2.

THE DAY OF THE LORD

O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk
In the light of the Lord.
For Thou hast forsaken Thy people the house of Jacob;
Their land is full of idols;
Every one worshippeth the work of his own hands,
That which his own fingers have made.
And man boweth down,
And man lowereth himself;
And Thou canst not bear with them.
Enter into the rock,
And hide thee in the dust,
From before the terror of the Lord,

And from the glory of His majesty.
The lofty looks of man shall be brought low,
And the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down,
And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

For the Lord of hosts hath a day
Upon all that is proud and lofty,
And upon all that is lifted up, and it shall be brought low;
And upon all the cedars of Lebanon,
That are high and lifted up,
And upon all the oaks of Bashan;
And upon all the high mountains,
And upon all the hills that are lifted up;
And upon every lofty tower,
And upon every fortified wall;
And upon all the ships of Tarshish,
And upon all delightful imagery.
And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down,
And the haughtiness of men shall be brought low;
And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

Chapter 2.

THE SPOILERS

The Lord standeth up to plead,
And standeth to judge the peoples.
The Lord will enter into judgment
With the elders of His people, and the princes thereof;
"It is ye that have eaten up the vineyard;
The spoil of the poor is in your houses;
What mean ye that ye crush My people,
And grind the face of the poor?"
Saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts.

Chapter 3.

THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD

Let me sing of my well-beloved,
A song of my beloved touching his vineyard.
My well-beloved had a vineyard
In a very fruitful hill;
And he digged it, and cleared it of stones,
And planted it with the choicest vine,
And built a tower in the midst of it,
And also hewed out a vat therein;
And he looked that it should bring forth grapes,
And it brought forth wild grapes.

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of
Judah,
Judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.
What could have been done more to my vineyard,
That I have not done in it?
Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth
grapes,
Brought it forth wild grapes?

And now come, I will tell you
What I will do to my vineyard:
I will take away the hedge thereof,
And it shall be eaten up;
I will break down the fence thereof,
And it shall be trodden down;
And I will lay it waste:
It shall not be pruned nor hoed,
But there shall come up briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
That they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of
Israel,
And the men of Judah the plant of His delight;
And He looked for justice, but behold violence;
For righteousness, but behold a cry.

Chapter 5.

THE WARNING

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning,
That they may follow strong drink;
That tarry late into the night,
Till wine inflame them!
And the harp and the psaltery, the tabret and the pipe,
And wine, are in their feasts;
But they regard not the work of the Lord,
Neither have they considered the operation of His hands.
Therefore My people are gone into captivity,
For want of knowledge;
And their honourable men are famished,
And their multitude are parched with thirst.
And man is bowed down,
And man is humbled,
And the eyes of the lofty are humbled;
But the Lord of hosts is exalted through justice,
And God the Holy One is sanctified through righteousness.

Woe unto them that call evil good,
And good evil;
That change darkness into light,
And light into darkness;

That change bitter into sweet,
And sweet into bitter!

Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes,
And prudent in their own sight!
Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against
His people,
And He hath stretched forth His hand against them,
and hath smitten them.

Chapter 5.

THE CALL TO PROPHECY

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim; each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one called unto another, and said:

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts;
The whole earth is full of His glory.

And the posts of the door were moved at the voice of them that called, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I:

Woe is me! for I am undone;
Because I am a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
For mine eyes have seen the King,
The Lord of hosts.

Then flew unto me one of the seraphim, with a glowing stone in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; and he touched my mouth with it, and said:

Lo, this hath touched thy lips;
And thine iniquity is taken away,
And thy sin forgiven.

And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

Whom shall I send,
And who will go for us?

Then I said: "Here am I; send me."

And He said: "Go, and tell this people:

Hear ye indeed, but understand not;
And see ye indeed, but perceive not.
Make the heart of this people fat,
And make their ears heavy,

And shut their eyes;
Lest they, seeing with their eyes,
And hearing with their ears,
And understanding with their heart,
Return, and be healed."

Then said I: "Lord, how long?"
And He answered:

"Until cities be waste without inhabitant,
And houses without man,
And the land become utterly waste,
And the Lord have removed men far away,
And the forsaken places be many in the midst of the land."

Chapter 6.

ASSYRIA, THE ROD OF GOD

O Asshur, the rod of Mine anger,
In whose hand as a staff is Mine indignation!
I do send him against an ungodly nation,
And against the people of My wrath do I give him a charge,
To take the spoil, and to take the prey,
And to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

And it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed His whole work upon Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, He will punish the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria. For he hath said:

By the strength of my hand I have done it,
And by my wisdom, for I am prudent;
In that I have removed the bounds of the peoples,
And have robbed their treasures,
And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the peoples;
And as one gathereth eggs that are forsaken,
Have I gathered all the earth;
And there was none that moved the wing,
Or that opened the mouth, or chirped.

Should the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith?
Should the saw magnify itself against him that moveth it?
As if a rod should move them that lift it up,
Or as if a staff should lift up him that is not wood.
Therefore will the Lord, the Lord of hosts,
Send among his fat ones leanness;
And under his glory there shall be kindled
A burning like the burning of fire.
And the light of Israel shall be for a fire,
And his Holy One for a flame.

And it shall come to pass in that day,
That the remnant of Israel,
And they that are escaped of the house of Jacob,
Shall no more again stay upon him that smote them;
But shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.
A remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob,
Unto God the Mighty.

Chapter 10.

THE VISION OF THE MESSIAH

And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse,
And a twig shall grow forth out of his roots.
And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and might,
The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord;
And he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes,
Neither decide after the hearing of his ears;
But with righteousness shall he judge the poor,
And decide with equity for the meek of the land;
And he shall smite the land with the rod of his mouth,
And with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,
And faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
And the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
And a little child shall lead them.
And the cow and the bear shall feed;
Their young ones shall lie down together;
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp,
And the weaned child shall put his hand on the basilisk's den.
They shall not hurt nor destroy
In all My holy mountain;
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord,
As the waters cover the sea.

And it shall come to pass in that day,
That the Lord will set His hand again the second time
To recover the remnant of His people,
That shall remain from Assyria, and from Egypt,
And from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam,
And from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

And He will set up an ensign for the nations,
And will assemble the dispersed of Israel,
And gather together the scattered of Judah
From the four corners of the earth.

Chapter 11.

A SONG OF THANKS

And in that day thou shalt say:
"I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord;
For though Thou wast angry with me,
Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortest me.
Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
For God the Lord is my strength and song;
And He is become my salvation."
Therefore with joy shall ye draw water
Out of the wells of salvation.
And in that day shall ye say:
"Give thanks unto the Lord, proclaim His name,
Declare His doings among the peoples,
Make mention that His name is exalted.
Sing unto the Lord; for He hath done gloriously;
Cry aloud and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion;
For great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

Chapters 11, 12.

A THREE-FOLD BLESSING

In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and He will send them a saviour, and a defender, who will deliver them. And the Lord shall make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day; yea, they shall worship with sacrifice and offering, and shall vow a vow unto the Lord, and shall perform it. And the Lord will smite Egypt, smiting and healing; and they shall return unto the Lord, and He will be entreated of them, and will heal them.

In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians shall worship with the Assyrians.

In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth; for that the Lord of hosts hath blessed him, saying: "Blessed be Egypt, My people and Assyria, the work of My hands, and Israel, Mine inheritance."

Chapter 19.

A SONG OF PRAISE

O Lord, Thou art my God,
I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name,
For Thou hast done wonderful things;
Even counsels of old, in faithfulness and truth.
For Thou hast been a stronghold to the poor,
A stronghold to the needy in his distress,
A refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat.

And the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces;
And the reproach of His people will He take away from off all the earth;
For the Lord hath spoken it.

And it shall be said in that day:
"Lo, this is our God,
For whom we waited, that He might save us;
This is the Lord, for whom we waited,
We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

Chapter 25.

ZION AT PEACE

Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done;
And, ye that are near, acknowledge My might.
The sinners in Zion are afraid;
Trembling hath seized the ungodly:
"Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire?
Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?"
He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly;
He that despiseth the gain of oppressions,
That shaketh his hands from holding of bribes,
That stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood.
And shutteth his eyes from looking upon evil;
He shall dwell on high;
His bread shall be given, his waters shall be sure.

Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty;
They shall behold a land stretching afar.
Look upon Zion, the city of our solemn gatherings;
Thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a peaceful habitation,
A tent that shall not be removed,
The stakes whereof shall never be plucked up,
Neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.
But there the Lord will be with us in majesty,
In a place of broad rivers and streams.

Chapter 33.

THE VISION OF THE FUTURE

The wilderness and the parched land shall be glad;
And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice,
Even with joy and singing;
The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it,
The excellency of Carmel and Sharon;
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
The excellency of our God.
Strengthen ye the weak hands,
And make firm the tottering knees.
Say to them that are of a fearful heart: "Be strong,
fear not";
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
With the recompense of God He will come and save
you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
Then shall the lame man leap as a hart,
And the tongue of the dumb shall sing;
For in the wilderness shall waters break out,
And streams in the desert.
And the parched land shall become a pool,
And the thirsty ground springs of water;
In the habitation of jackals herds shall lie down,

It shall be an enclosure for reeds and rushes.
And a highway shall be there, and a way,
And it shall be called the way of holiness;
The unclean shall not pass over it;
The wayfaring men, yea fools, shall not err therein.
No lion shall be there,
Nor shall any ravenous beast go up thereon,
They shall not be found there;
But the redeemed shall walk there;
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
And come with singing unto Zion,
And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
They shall obtain gladness and joy,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Chapter 35.

COMFORT YE, MY PEOPLE

Comfort ye, comfort ye My people,
Saith your God.
Bid Jerusalem take heart,
And proclaim unto her,
That her time of service is accomplished,
That her guilt is paid off;
That she hath received of the Lord's hand
Double for all her sins.

Hark! one calleth:
"Clear ye in the wilderness the way of the Lord,
Make plain in the desert
A highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
And every mountain and hill shall be made low;
And the rugged shall be made level,
And the rough places a plain;
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Hark! one saith: "Proclaim!"
And he saith: "What shall I proclaim?"
"All flesh is grass,
And all the goodliness thereof is as the flower
of the field;
The grass withereth, the flower fadeth;
Because the breath of the Lord bloweth upon it—
Surely the people is grass.
The grass withereth, the flower fadeth;
But the word of our God shall stand for ever."

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
Get thee up into the high mountain;
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
Lift up thy voice with strength;
Lift it up, be not afraid;

Say unto the cities of Judah;
"Behold your God!"
Behold, the Lord God will come as a Mighty One,
And His arm will rule for Him;
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His recompense before Him.
Even as a shepherd that feedeth his flock,
That gathereth the lambs in his arm,
And carrieth them in his bosom,
And gently leadeth those that give suck.

Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
And meted out heaven with the span,
And comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure,
And weighed the mountains in scales,
And the hills in a balance?
Who hath meted out the spirit of the Lord?
Or who was His counsellor that he might instruct Him?
With whom took He counsel, and who instructed Him,
And taught Him in the path of right,
And taught Him knowledge,
And made Him to know the way of discernment?
Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket,
And are counted as the small dust of the balance;

Behold, the isles are as a mote in weight.
And Lebanon is not sufficient fuel,
Nor the beasts thereof sufficient for burnt-offerings.
All the nations are as nothing before Him;
They are accounted by Him as things of nought, and vanity.
To whom then will ye liken God?
Or what likeness will ye compare unto Him?
The image perchance, which the craftsman hath melted,
And the goldsmith spread over with gold,
The silversmith casting silver chains?

Know ye not? hear ye not?
Hath it not been told you from the beginning?
Have ye not understood the foundations of the earth?
It is He that sitteth above the circle of the earth,
And the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers;
That stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain,
And spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in;
That bringeth princes to nothing;
He maketh the judges of the earth as a thing of nought.
Scarce are they planted,
Scarce are they sown,
Scarce hath their stock taken root in the earth;
When He bloweth upon them, they wither,

And the whirlwind taketh them away as stubble.
To whom then will ye liken Me, that I should be equal?
Saith the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high,
And see: who hath created these?
He that bringeth out their host by number,
He calleth them all by name;
By the greatness of His might, and for that He is strong in power,
Not one faileth.

Why sayest thou, O Jacob,
And speakest, O Israel:
"My way is hid from the Lord,
And my right is passed over from my God?"
Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard
That the everlasting God, the Lord,
The Creator of the ends of the earth,
Fainteth not, neither is weary?
His discernment is past searching out.
He giveth power to the faint;
And to him that hath no might He increaseth strength.
Even the youths shall faint and be weary,
And the young men shall utterly fall;
But they that wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run, and not be weary;
They shall walk, and not faint.

Chapter 40.

THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Keep silence before Me, O islands,
And let the peoples renew their strength;
Let them draw near, then let them speak;
Let us come near together to judgment.
Who hath raised up one from the east,
At whose steps victory attendeth?
He giveth nations before him,
And maketh him rule over kings;
His sword maketh them as the dust,
His bow as the driven stubble.
He pursueth them, and passeth on safely;
The way with his feet he treadeth not.
Who hath wrought and done it?
He that called the generations from the beginning.
I, the Lord, who am the first,
And with the last am the same.
The isles saw, and feared;
The ends of the earth trembled;
They drew near, and came.

But thou, Israel, My servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen,
The seed of Abraham, My friend;
Thou whom I have taken hold of from the ends of
the earth,
And called thee from the uttermost parts thereof,
And said unto thee: "Thou art My servant,
I have chosen thee and not cast thee away";
Fear thou not, for I am with thee,
Be not dismayed, for I am thy God;
I strengthen thee, yea, I help thee;
Yea, I uphold thee with My victorious right hand.

The poor and needy seek water and there is none,
And their tongue faileth for thirst;
I the Lord will answer them,
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
I will open rivers on the high hills,
And fountains in the midst of the valleys;
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
And the dry land springs of water.
I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia-
tree,
And the myrtle, and the oil-tree,
I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane-tree,
and the larch together;
That they may see, and know,
And consider, and understand together,

That the hand of the Lord hath done this,
And the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

Chapter 41.

THE LIGHT OF THE NATIONS

Behold My servant, whom I uphold;
Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth;
I have put My spirit upon him,
He shall make the right to go forth to the nations.
He shall not cry, nor lift up,
Nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
A bruised reed shall he not break,
And the dimly burning wick shall he not quench;
He shall make the right to go forth according to the truth.
He shall not fail nor be crushed,
Till he have set the right in the earth;
And the isles shall wait for his teaching.

Thus saith God the Lord,
He that created the heavens, and stretched them forth,
He that spread forth the earth and that which cometh out of it,
He that giveth breath unto the people upon it,
And spirit to them that walk therein:

I the Lord have called thee in righteousness,
And have taken hold of thy hand,
And kept thee, and set thee for a covenant of the people,
For a light of the nations;
To open the blind eyes,
To bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
And them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house.
I am the Lord, that is My name;
And My glory will I not give to another,
Neither My praise to graven images.

Sing unto the Lord a new song,
And His praise from the end of the earth;
Ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein,
The isles, and the inhabitants thereof.
Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice,
Let them shout from the top of the mountains.
Let them give glory unto the Lord,
And declare His praise in the islands.

Chapter 42.

THE REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL

Thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob,
And He that formed thee, O Israel:
Fear not, for I have redeemed thee,
I have called thee by thy name, thou art Mine.
When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee,
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee;
When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned,
Neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.
For I am the Lord thy God,
The Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.
Fear not, for I am with thee;
I will bring thy seed from the east,
And gather thee from the west;
I will say to the north: "Give up,"
And to the south: "Keep not back,
Bring My sons from far,
And My daughters from the end of the earth;
Every one that is called by My name,
And whom I have created for My glory,
I have formed him, yea, I have made him."
The blind people that have eyes shall be brought forth,

And the deaf that have ears.
All the nations are gathered together,
And the peoples are assembled;
Who among them can declare this,
And announce to us former things?
Let them bring their witnesses, that they may be justified;
And let them hear, and say: "It is truth."
Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord,
And My servant whom I have chosen;
That ye may know and believe Me, and understand
That I am He;
Before Me there was no God formed,
Neither shall any be after Me.

I, even I, am the Lord;
And beside Me there is no saviour.
I have declared, and I have saved,
And I have announced,
And there was no strange god among you;
Therefore ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, and I am God.
Yea, since the day was I am He,
And there is none that can deliver out of My hand;
I will work, and who can reverse it?
Yet now hear, O Jacob, My servant,
And Israel, whom I have chosen;
Thus saith the Lord that made thee;

Fear not, O Jacob, My servant,
And thou, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.
For I will pour water upon the thirsty land,
And streams upon the dry ground;
I will pour My spirit upon thy seed,
And My blessing upon thine off-spring;
And they shall spring up among the grass,
As willows by the watercourses.
One shall say: "I am the Lord's";
And another shall call himself by the name of Jacob;
And another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord,
And surname himself by the name of Israel.

Chapters 43, 44.

THE FOLLY OF IDOLATRY

Thus saith the Lord, the King of Israel,
And his Redeemer the Lord of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last,
And beside Me there is no God.
And ye are My witnesses,
Is there a God beside Me?
Yea, there is no Rock; I know not any.

The smith maketh an axe,

And worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with
hammers,
And worketh it with his strong arm;
Yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth;
He drinketh no water, and is faint.
The carpenter stretcheth out a line;
He marketh it out with a pencil;
He fitteth it with planes,
And he marketh it out with the compasses,
And maketh it after the figure of a man,
According to the beauty of a man, to dwell in the
house.
He heweth him down cedars,
And taketh the ilex and the oak,
And strengtheneth for himself one among the trees
of the forest;
He planteth a bay-tree, and the rain doth nourish it.
Then a man useth it for fuel;
And he taketh thereof, and warmeth himself;
Yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread;
Yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it;
He maketh it a graven image, and falleth down
thereto.
He burneth the half thereof in the fire;
With the half thereof he eateth flesh;
He roasteth roast, and is satisfied;
Yea, he warmeth himself, and saith:
"Aha,

I am warm, I have seen the fire";
And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image;
He falleth down unto it and worshippeth, and prayeth unto it,
And saith: "Deliver me, for thou art my god."

They know not, neither do they understand;
For their eyes are bedaubed, that they cannot see,
And their hearts, that they cannot understand.
And none considereth in his heart,
Neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say:
"I have burned the half of it in the fire;
Yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof;
I have roasted flesh and eaten it;
And shall I make the residue thereof an abomination?
Shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?"
He striveth after ashes,
A deceived heart hath turned him aside,
That he cannot deliver his soul, nor say:
"Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

Chapter 44.

THE COMMAND TO CYRUS

Thus saith the Lord to His anointed,
To Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden,
To subdue nations before him,
And to loose the loins of kings;
To open the doors before him,
And that the gates may not be shut:
I will go before thee,
And make the crooked places straight;
I will break in pieces the doors of brass,
And cut in sunder the bars of iron;
And I will give thee the treasures of darkness,
And hidden riches of secret places,
That thou mayest know that I am the Lord,
Who call thee by thy name, even the God of Israel.
For the sake of Jacob, My servant,
And Israel, Mine elect,
I have called thee by thy name,
I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known Me.
I am the Lord, and there is none else,
Beside Me there is no God;
I have girded thee, though thou hast not known Me;
That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west,
That there is none beside Me;

I am the Lord, and there is none else;
I form the light, and create darkness;
I make peace, and create evil;
I am the Lord, that doeth all these things.

Chapter 45.

GOD, THE CREATOR

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness;
Let the earth open, that they may bring forth salvation,
And let her cause righteousness to spring up together;
I the Lord have created it.

Thus saith the Lord,
The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker:
Ask Me of the things that are to come;
Concerning My sons, and concerning the work of My hands, command ye Me.
I, even I, have made the earth,
And created man upon it;
I, even My hands, have stretched out the heavens,
And all their host have I commanded.
I have roused him up in victory,
And I make level all his ways;

He shall build My city,
And he shall let Mine exiles go free,
Not for price nor reward,
Saith the Lord of hosts.

For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens,
He is God;
That formed the earth and made it,
He established it,
He created it not a waste, He formed it to be inhabited:
I am the Lord, and there is none else.
I have not spoken in secret,
In a place of the land of darkness;
I said not unto the seed of Jacob:
Seek ye Me in vain;
I the Lord speak righteousness,
I declare things that are right.
Assemble yourselves and come, draw near together,
Ye that are escaped of the nations;
They have no knowledge that carry the wood of their graven image,
And pray unto a god that cannot save.
Declare ye, and bring them near,
Yea, let them take counsel together:
Who hath announced this from ancient time,
And declared it of old?
Have not I the Lord,

And there is no God else beside Me;
A just God and a Saviour;
There is none beside Me.
Look unto Me, and be ye saved,
All the ends of the earth;
For I am God, and there is none else.
By Myself have I sworn,
The word is gone forth from My mouth in righteousness,
And shall not come back,
That unto Me every knee shall bow,
Every tongue shall swear.
Only in the Lord, shall one say of Me, is victory and strength;
Even to Him shall men come in confusion,
All they that were incensed against Him.
In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel
Be justified, and shall glory.

Chapter 45.

THE FALL OF BABYLON

Come down, and sit in the dust,
O virgin daughter of Babylon,
Sit on the ground without a throne,
O daughter of the Chaldeans;
For thou shalt no more be called

Tender and delicate.
Take the millstones, and grind meal;
Remove thy veil,
I will take vengeance,
And will let no man intercede.
Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness,
O daughter of the Chaldeans;
For thou shalt no more be called
The mistress of kingdoms.
I was wroth with My people,
I profaned Mine inheritance,
And gave them into thy hand;
Thou didst show them no mercy;
Upon the aged hast thou very heavily
Laid thy yoke.
And thou saidst:
"For ever shall I be mistress";
So that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart,
Neither didst remember the end thereof.

Now therefore hear this, thou that art given to pleasures,
That sittest securely,
That sayest in thy heart:
"I am, and there is none else beside me";
Yet shall evil come upon thee;
Thou shalt not know how to charm it away;
And calamity shall fall upon thee;

Thou shalt not be able to put it away;
And ruin shall come upon thee suddenly,
Before thou knowest.

Chapters 46, 47.

ISRAEL REDEEMED

Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel:
I am the Lord thy God,
Who teacheth thee for thy profit,
Who leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.
Oh that thou wouldest hearken to My commandments!
Then would thy peace be as a river,
And thy righteousness as the waves of the sea;
Thy seed also would be as the sand,
And the offspring of thy body like the grains thereof;
His name would not be cut off
Nor destroyed from before Me.

Go ye forth from Babylon,
Flee ye from the Chaldeans;
With a voice of singing
Declare ye, tell this,

Utter it even to the end of the earth;
Say ye: "The Lord hath redeemed
His servant Jacob.
And they thirsted not
When He led them through the deserts;
He caused the waters to flow
Out of the rock for them;
He cleaved the rock also,
And the waters gushed out."

Chapter 48.

AWAKE, AWAKE!

Hearken unto Me, ye that know righteousness,
The people in whose heart is My law;
Fear ye not the taunt of men,
Neither be ye dismayed at their revilings.
For the moth shall eat them up like a garment,
And the worm shall eat them like wool;
But My favour shall be for ever,
And My salvation unto all generations.

Awake, awake, put on strength,
O arm of the Lord;
Awake, as in the days of old,
The generations of ancient times.
Art thou not it that dried up the sea,

The waters of the great deep;
That made the depths of the sea a way
For the redeemed to pass over?
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
And come with singing unto Zion,
And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
They shall obtain gladness and joy,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Chapters 48, 51.

THE FEET OF THE MESSENGER

How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of the messenger of good tidings,
That announceth peace, the harbinger of good tidings,
That announceth salvation;
That saith unto Zion:
"Thy God reigneth!"
Hark, thy watchmen! they lift up the voice,
Together do they sing;
For they shall see, eye to eye,
The Lord returning to Zion.
Break forth into joy, sing together,
Ye waste places of Jerusalem;
For the Lord hath comforted His people,
He hath redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord hath made bare His holy arm
In the eyes of all the nations,
And all the ends of the earth shall see
The salvation of our God.
Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence,
Touch no unclean thing;
Go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean,
Ye that bear the vessels of the Lord,
For ye shall not go out in haste,
Neither shall ye go by flight;
For the Lord will go before you,
And the God of Israel will be your rearward.

Chapter 52.

SEEK YE THE LORD

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye for water,
And he that hath no money;
Come ye, buy, and eat;
Yea, come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without price.
Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?
And your gain for that which satisfieth not?
Hearken diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is good,
And let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto Me;
Hear, and your soul shall live;
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
Even the sure mercies of David.
Behold, I have given him for a witness,
A prince and commander to the peoples.
Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not,
And a nation that knew not thee shall run unto thee;
Because of the Lord thy God,
And for the Holy One of Israel, for He hath glorified thee.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found,
Call ye upon Him while He is near;
Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the man of iniquity his thoughts;
And let him return unto the Lord, and He will have compassion upon him,
And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven,

And returneth not thither,
Except it water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
And give seed to the sower and bread to the eater;
So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth:
It shall not return unto Me void,
Except it accomplish that which I please,
And make the thing whereto I sent it prosper,
For ye shall go out with joy,
And be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing,
And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress,
And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
And it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Chapters 53, 54, 55.

THE COVENANT

Thus saith the Lord:
Keep ye justice, and do righteousness;
For My salvation is near to come,
And My favour to be revealed.
Happy is the man that doeth this,

And the son of man that holdeth fast by it,
That keepeth the sabbath from profaning it,
And keepeth his hand from doing any evil.
Neither let the alien,
That hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying:
"The Lord will surely separate me from His people";
The aliens, that join themselves to the Lord, to minister unto Him,
And to love the name of the Lord,
To be His servants,
Every one that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it,
And holdeth fast by My covenant:
Even them will I bring to My holy mountain,
And make them joyful in My house of prayer
For My house shall be called
A house of prayer for all peoples.

Chapter 56.

ISRAEL'S TASK AND REWARD

Cry aloud, spare not,
Lift up thy voice like a horn,
And declare unto My people their transgression,
And to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet they seek Me daily,

And delight to know My ways;
As a nation that did righteousness,
And forsook not the ordinance of their God,
They ask of Me righteous ordinances,
They delight to draw near unto God.

"Wherefore have we fasted, and Thou seest not?
Wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and Thou takest no knowledge?"—
Behold, in the day of your fast ye pursue your business,
And exact all your labours.
Behold, ye fast for strife and contention,
And to smite with the fist of wickedness;
Ye fast not this day
So as to make your voice to be heard on high.
Is such the fast that I have chosen?
The day for a man to afflict his soul?
Is to bow down his head as a bulrush,
And to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Wilt thou call this a fast,
And an acceptable day to the Lord?
Is not this the fast that I have chosen?
To loose the fetters of wickedness,
To undo the bands of the yoke,
And to let the oppressed go free,
And that ye break every yoke?
Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry,

And that thou bring the poor that are cast out to
thy house?
When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him,
And that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?
Then shall thy light break forth as the morning,
And thy healing shall spring forth speedily;
And thy righteousness shall go before thee,
The glory of the Lord shall be thy rearward.
Then shalt thou call, and the Lord will answer;
Thou shalt cry, and He will say: "Here I am."
If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke,
The putting forth of the finger, and speaking wick-
edness;
And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry,
And satisfy the afflicted soul;
Then shall thy light rise in darkness,
And thy gloom be as the noonday;
And the Lord will guide thee continually,
And satisfy thy soul in drought,
And make strong thy bones;
And thou shalt be like a watered garden,
And like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Chapters 57, 58.

GOD'S PROMISE

And a redeemer will come to Zion,
And unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob,
Saith the Lord.
And as for Me, this is My covenant with them, saith the Lord;

My spirit that is upon thee, and My words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

Arise, shine, for thy light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
And gross darkness the peoples;
But upon thee the Lord will arise,
And His glory shall be seen upon thee.
And nations shall walk at thy light,
And kings at the brightness of thy rising.

Lift up thine eyes round about, and see:
They all are gathered together, and come to thee;
Thy sons come from far,

And thy daughters are borne on the side.
Then thou shalt see and be radiant,
And thy heart shall throb and be enlarged;
Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned
unto thee,
The wealth of the nations shall come unto thee.
They shall come up with acceptance on Mine altar,
And I will glorify My glorious house.

Who are these that fly as a cloud,
And as the doves to their cotes?
Surely the isles shall wait for Me,
And the ships of Tarshish first,
To bring thy sons from far,
Their silver and their gold with them,
For the name of the Lord thy God,
And for the Holy One of Israel, because
He hath glorified thee.

And aliens shall build up thy walls,
And their kings shall minister unto thee;
For in My wrath I smote thee,
But in My favour have I had compassion on thee.
Thy gates also shall be open continually,
Day and night, they shall not be shut;
That men may bring unto thee the wealth of the
nations,
And their kings in procession.

For that nation and kingdom that will not serve
thee shall perish;
Yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee,
To beautify the place of My sanctuary.
And I will make the place of My feet glorious.
And the sons of them that afflicted thee
Shall come bending unto thee,
And all they that despised thee shall bow down
At the soles of thy feet;
And they shall call thee The city of the Lord,
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated,
So that no man passed through thee,
I will make thee an eternal excellency,
A joy of many generations.
And thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour,
And I, the Mighty One of Jacob, thy Redeemer.
Violence shall no more be heard in thy land,
Desolation nor destruction within thy borders;
But thou shalt call thy walls Salvation,
And thy gates Praise.

The sun shall be no more thy light by day,
Neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto
thee;

But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light,
And thy God thy glory.
Thy sun shall no more go down,
Neither shall thy moon withdraw itself;
For the Lord shall be thine everlasting light,
And the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

Thy people also shall be all righteous,
They shall inherit the land for ever;
The branch of My planting, the work of My hands,
Wherein I glory.
The smallest shall become a thousand,
And the least a mighty nation;
I the Lord will hasten it in its time.

Chapters 59, 60.

THE PROPHET SPEAKS

The spirit of God is upon me;
Because the Lord hath anointed me
To bring good tidings unto the humble;
He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the eyes to them that are bound;
To proclaim the year of the Lord's good pleasure,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all that mourn;
To give unto them a garland for ashes,

The oil of joy for mourning,
The mantle of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they might be called terebinths of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord, wherein He might glory.

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery with iniquity;
And I will give them their recompense in truth,
And I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
And their seed shall be known among the nations,
And their offspring among the peoples;
All that see them shall acknowledge them,
That they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
My soul shall be joyful in my God;
For He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He hath covered me with the robe of victory,
As a bridegroom putteth on a priestly diadem,
And as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.
For as the earth bringeth forth her growth,
And as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth;
So the Lord God will cause victory and glory
To spring forth before all the nations.

Chapter 61.

GOD WATCHES ISRAEL

I will make mention of the mercies of the Lord,
And the praises of the Lord,
According to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us;
And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,
Which He hath bestowed on them according to His compassions,
And according to the multitude of His mercies.
For He said: "Surely, they are My people,
Children that will not deal falsely";
So He was their Saviour.
In all of their affliction He was afflicted,
And the angel of His presence saved them;
In His love and in His pity He redeemed them;
And He bore them, and carried them all the days of old.
But they rebelled, and grieved His holy spirit;
Therefore He was turned to be their enemy,
Himself fought against them.
Then His people remembered the days of old, the days of Moses:
"Where is He that brought them up out of the sea
With the shepherds of His flock?
Where is He that put His holy spirit
In the midst of them?
That caused His glorious arm to go

At the right hand of Moses?
That divided the water before them,
To make Himself an everlasting name?"

Chapter 63.

ISRAEL'S PLEA

But now, O Lord, Thou art our Father;
We are the clay, and Thou our potter,
And we are the work of Thy hand.
Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
Neither remember iniquity for ever;
Behold, look, we beseech Thee, we are all Thy people.
Thy holy cities are become a wilderness,
Zion is become a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.
Our holy and our beautiful house,
Where our fathers praised Thee,
Is burned with fire;
And all our pleasant things are laid waste.
Wilt Thou refrain Thyself for these things, O Lord?
Wilt Thou hold Thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

Chapter 64.

GOD'S ANSWER

Thus saith the Lord:
As, when wine is found in the cluster,
One saith: "Destroy it not,
For a blessing is in it";
So will I do for My servants' sakes,
That I may not destroy all.

And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob,
And out of Judah an inheritor of My mountains;
And Mine elect shall inherit it,
And My servants shall dwell there.
And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks,
And the valley of Achor a place for herds to lie
down in,
For My people that have sought Me.

For, behold, I create new heavens
And a new earth;
And the former things shall not be remembered,
Nor come into mind.
But be ye glad and rejoice for ever
In that which I create;
For, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing,
And her people a joy.
The voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her,

Nor the voice of crying.
And they shall build houses, and inhabit them;
And they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.
They shall not build, and another inhabit,
They shall not plant, and another eat;
For as the days of a tree shall be the days of My people,
And Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain,
Nor bring forth for terror;
For they are the seed blessed of the Lord,
And their offspring with them.
And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer,
And while they are yet speaking, I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
And dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt nor destroy
In all My holy mountain,
Saith the Lord.

Chapter 65.

JEREMIAH

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The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

THE CALL TO PROPHECY

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying:
I have appointed thee a prophet unto the nations.
Then said I: "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak; for I am a child."
But the Lord said unto me:
Say not: I am a child;
For to whomsoever I shall send thee thou shalt go,
And whatsoever I shall command thee thou shalt speak.

Be not afraid of them;
For I am with thee to deliver thee,
Saith the Lord.

Then the Lord put forth His hand, and touched my mouth; and the Lord said unto me:

Behold, I have put My words in thy mouth;
See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms,
To root out and to pull down,
And to destroy and to overthrow;
To build, and to plant.

And the word of the Lord came unto me saying: "What seest thou?"

And I said: "I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is from the north."

Then the Lord said unto me: "Out of the north the evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the Lord; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness; in that they have forsaken Me, and have offered unto other gods, and worshipped the work of their own hands.

Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and

speak unto them all that I command thee; be not dismayed at them lest I dismay thee before them. For, behold, I have made thee this day a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee."

Chapter 1.

GODS—WHICH ARE NO GODS

And the word of the Lord came to me, saying:
Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying: Thus saith the Lord:

I remember for thee the affection of thy youth,
The love of thine espousals;
How thou wentest after Me in the wilderness,
In a land that was not sown.
Israel is the Lord's hallowed portion,
His first-fruits of the increase;
All that devour him shall be held guilty.
Evil shall come upon them,
Saith the Lord.

Hear ye the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob,
And all the families of the house of Israel;
Thus saith the Lord:
What unrighteousness have your fathers found in Me,
That they are gone far from Me,
And have walked after things of nought, and are become nought?
Neither said they:
"Where is the Lord that brought us up
Out of the land of Egypt;
That led us through the wilderness,
Through a land of deserts and of pits,
Through a land of drought and of the shadow of death,
Through a land that no man passed through,
And where no man dwelt?"

And I brought you into a land of fruitful fields,
To eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof;
But when ye entered, ye defiled My land,
And made My heritage an abomination.
The priests said not: "Where is the Lord?"
And they that handle the law knew Me not
And the rulers transgressed against Me;
The prophets also prophesied by Baal,
And walked after things that do not profit.
Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the Lord,

And with your children's children will I plead.

Hath a nation changed its gods,
Which yet are no gods?
But My people hath changed its glory
For that which doth not profit.
Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this,
Saith the Lord.
For My people have committed two evils;
They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters,
And hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns,
That can hold no water.

Yet I had planted thee a noble vine,
Wholly a right seed;
How then art thou turned into the degenerate plant
Of a strange vine unto Me?
As the thief is ashamed when he is found,
So is the house of Israel ashamed;
They, their kings, their princes,
And their priests, and their prophets;
Who say to a stock: "Thou art my father,"
And to a stone: "Thou hast brought us forth,"
For they have turned their back unto Me, and not their face;
But in the time of their trouble they will say:
"Arise, and save us."

But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee?
Let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of
thy trouble;
For according to the number of thy cities
Are thy gods, O Judah.

Chapter 2.

RETURN, O ISRAEL

Return, thou backsliding Israel,
Saith the Lord;
I will not frown upon you;
For I am merciful, saith the Lord,
I will not bear grudge for ever.
Only acknowledge thine iniquity,
That thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy
God,
And ye have not hearkened to My voice,
Saith the Lord.

Return, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am a lord unto you, and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion; and I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. At that time they shall call Jerusalem The throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to

Jerusalem; neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart. In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto our fathers.

Return, ye backsliding children,
I will heal your backslidings.

"Here we are, we are come unto Thee;
For Thou art the Lord our God.
Truly vain have proved the hills,
The uproar on the mountains;
Truly in the Lord our God
Is the salvation of Israel.

"We have sinned against the Lord our God.
We and our fathers,
From our youth even unto this day;
And we have not hearkened
To the voice of the Lord our God."

If thou wilt return, O Israel,
Saith the Lord,
Yea, return unto Me;
And if thou wilt put away thy detestable things out
of my sight,

And wilt not waver;
And wilt swear: "As the Lord liveth"
In truth, in justice, and in righteousness;
Then shall the nations bless themselves by Him,
And in Him shall they glory.

Chapter 4.

THE COMING OF EVIL

Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem,
And say: "Blow ye the horn in the land";
Cry aloud and say:
"Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities."
Set up a standard toward Zion:
Put yourselves under covert, stay not;
For I will bring evil from the north,
And a great destruction.

O Jerusalem, wash thy heart from wickedness,
That thou mayest be saved.
How long shall thy baleful thoughts
Lodge within thee?

My people is foolish,
They know Me not;
They are wise to do evil,

But to do good they have no knowledge.

I beheld the earth,
And, lo, it was waste and void;
And the heavens, and they had no light.
I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled,
And all the hills moved to and fro.
I beheld, and, lo, there was no man,
And all the birds of the heavens were fled.
I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful field was a wilderness,
And all the cities thereof were broken down
At the presence of the Lord,
And before His fierce anger.

Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem,
And see now, and know,
And seek in the broad places thereof,
If ye can find a man,
If there be any that doeth justly, that seeketh truth;
And I will pardon her.

O Lord, are not Thine eyes upon truth?
Thou hast stricken them, but they were not affected;
Thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction;
They have made their faces harder than a rock;
They have refused to return.

And I said: "Surely these are poor,
They are foolish, for they know not the way of the
Lord,
Nor the ordinance of their God;
I will get me unto the great men,
And will speak unto them;
For they know the way of the Lord,
And the ordinance of their God."
But these had altogether broken the yoke,
And burst the bands.

Wherefore should I pardon thee?
Thy children have forsaken Me,
And sworn by no-gods;
Shall I not punish for these things?
Saith the Lord;
And shall not My soul be avenged
On such a nation as this?

Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far,
O house of Israel, saith the Lord;
It is an enduring nation,
It is an ancient nation,
A nation whose language thou knowest not,
Neither understandest what they say.
They are all mighty men.
And they shall eat up thy harvest, and thy bread,
They shall eat up thy flocks and thy herds,

They shall eat up thy vine and thy fig trees;
They shall batter thy fortified cities,
Wherein thou trustest, with the sword.
But even in those days, saith the Lord,
I will not make a full end with you.

Chapters 4, 5.

HOW ISRAEL SINNED

Declare ye this in the house of Jacob,
And announce it in Judah, saying:
Hear now this, O foolish people,
That have eyes, and see not,
That have ears, and hear not:
Fear ye not Me? saith the Lord;
Will ye not tremble at My presence?
Who have placed the sand for the bound of the sea,
An everlasting ordinance, which it cannot pass;
And though the waves thereof toss themselves yet can they not prevail;
Though they roar, yet can they not pass over it.
But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart.
Neither say they in their heart:
"Let us fear the Lord our God,
That giveth the former rain, and the latter in due season;

That keepeth for us
The appointed weeks of the harvest."
Your iniquities have turned away these things,
And your sins have withholden good from you.
For among My people are found wicked men;
They pry, as fowlers lie in wait;
They set up a trap, they catch men.
As a cage is full of birds,
So are their houses full of deceit;
Therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

They are waxen fat, they are become sleek;
Yea, they overpass in deeds of wickedness;
They plead not the cause of the fatherless,
That they might make it to prosper;
And the right of the needy do they not judge.
Shall I not punish for these things?
Saith the Lord;
Shall not My soul be avenged
On such a nation as this?

An appalling thing
Is come to pass in the land:
The prophets prophesy in the service of falsehood,
And the priests bear rule at their beck;
And My people love to have it so;
What then will ye do in the end thereof?

Chapter 5.

THE FAITHLESS NATION

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say: Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:

Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Trust ye not in lying words, saying: "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord." Nay, but if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute justice between a man and his neighbor; if ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt; then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

Behold ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder and swear falsely, and offer unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye have not known, and come and stand before Me in this house, whereupon My name is called, and say: "We are delivered," that ye may do all these abominations? Is this house, whereupon My

name is called, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold I, even I, have seen it, saith the Lord. For go ye now unto My place which was in Shiloh, where I caused My name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of My people Israel. And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and I spoke unto you, speaking betimes and often, but ye heard not, and I called you, but ye answered not; therefore will I do unto the house, whereupon My name is called, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.

Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession for Me; for I will not hear thee. Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke Me. Do they provoke Me? saith the Lord; do they not provoke themselves, to the confusion of their own faces? Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, Mine anger and My fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon

the fruit of the land; and it shall burn and shall not be quenched.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat ye flesh. For I spoke not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices, but this thing I commanded them, saying: "Hearken unto My voice and I will be your God, and ye shall be My people; and walk ye in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you." But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in their own counsels, even in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward, even since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day; and though I have sent unto you all My servants the prophets, sending them daily betimes and often, yet they hearkened not unto Me, nor inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff; they did worse than their fathers.

This is the nation that hath not hearkened
To the voice of the Lord their God,
Nor received correction;
Faithfulness is perished,
And is cut off from their mouth.

Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the land shall be desolate.

Chapter 7.

TRUE GLORY

Thus saith the Lord:
Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,
Neither let the mighty man glory in his might,
Let not the rich man glory in his riches;
But let him that glorieth glory in this,
That he understandeth, and knoweth Me,
That I am the Lord who exercise mercy,
Justice and righteousness, in the earth;
For in these things I delight,
Saith the Lord.

Chapter 9.

THE LORD OF HOSTS

There is none like unto Thee, O Lord;
Thou art great, and Thy name is great in might.
Who would not fear Thee, O King of the nations?
For it befitteth Thee;
Forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royalty,
There is none like unto Thee.
He that hath made the earth by His power,
That hath established the world by His wisdom,
And hath stretched out the heavens by His understanding;
At the sound of His giving a multitude of waters in the heavens,
When He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth;
When He maketh lightnings with the rain,
And bringeth forth the wind out of His treasuries;
Every man is proved to be brutish, without knowledge,
Every goldsmith is put to shame by the graven image,
His molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.
They are vanity, a work of delusion;
In the time of their visitation they shall perish.

Not like these is the portion of Jacob;
For He is the former of all things,
And Israel is the tribe of His inheritance;
The Lord of hosts is His name.

O Lord, I know that man's way is not his own;
It is not in man to direct his steps as he walketh.
O Lord, correct me, but in measure;
Not in Thine anger, lest Thou diminish me.
Pour out Thy wrath upon the nations that know
Thee not,
And upon the families that call not on Thy name;
For they have devoured Jacob,
Yea, they have devoured him and consumed him,
And have laid waste his habitation.

Chapter 10.

THE PROPHET'S CONTENTION

Right wouldest Thou be, O Lord,
Were I to contend with Thee;
Yet will I reason with Thee:
Wherefore are all they secure that deal very treach-
erously?
Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root;
They grow, yea, they bring forth fruit;
Thou art near in their mouth,

And far from their reins.
But Thou, O Lord, knowest me,
Thou seest me, and triest my heart toward Thee;
Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter,
And prepare them for the day of slaughter.

Chapter 12.

ISRAEL'S PORTION

Hear ye, and give ear, be not proud;
For the Lord hath spoken.
Give glory to the Lord your God,
Before it grow dark,
And before your feet stumble
Upon the mountains of twilight.
But if ye will not hear it,
My soul shall weep in secret for your pride;
And mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears,
Because the Lord's flock is carried away captive.

And if thou say in thy heart:
"Wherefore are these things befallen me?"—
For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts uncovered,
And thy heels suffer violence.
Can the Ethiopian change his skin,

Or the leopard his spots?
Then may ye also do good,
That are accustomed to do evil.
Therefore will I scatter them, as the stubble that passeth away
By the wind of the wilderness.
This is thy lot, the portion measured unto thee from Me,
Saith the Lord;
Because thou hast forgotten Me,
And trusted in falsehood.

Chapter 13.

A PLEA FOR MERCY

Hast Thou utterly rejected Judah?
Hath Thy soul loathed Zion?
Why hast Thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us?
We looked for peace, but no good came;
And for a time of healing, and behold terror!
We acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness,
Even the iniquity of our fathers;
For we have sinned against Thee.
Do not despise us, for Thy name's sake,
Do not dishonour the throne of Thy glory;
Remember, break not Thy covenant with us.

Then said the Lord unto me: "Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me, yet My mind could not be toward this people; cast them out of My sight, and let them go forth. And it shall come to pass, when they say unto thee: Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them: Thus saith the Lord: Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for captivity, to captivity."

Chapters 14, 15.

THE PROPHET CRIES TO GOD

Who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem?
Or who shall bemoan thee?
Or who shall turn aside to ask of thy welfare?
Thou hast cast Me off, saith the Lord,
Thou art gone backward;
Therefore do I stretch out My hand against thee,
  and destroy thee;
I am weary with repenting.

Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me
A man of strife and a man of contention to the whole
  earth!
I have not lent, neither have men lent to me;

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"Who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem?
Or who shall bemoan thee?"

Yet every one of them doth curse me.

Thou, O Lord, knowest;
Remember me, and think of me, and avenge me of my persecutors;
Take me not away because of Thy long-suffering;
Know that for Thy sake I have suffered taunts.
Thy words were found, and I did eat them;
And Thy words were unto me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart;
Because Thy name was called on me, O Lord God of Hosts.
I sat not in the assembly of them that make merry, nor rejoiced;
I sat alone because of Thy hand;
For Thou hast filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain perpetual,
And my wound incurable, so that it refuseth to be healed?
Wilt Thou indeed be unto me as a deceitful brook,
As waters that fail?

Therefore thus saith the Lord:
If thou return, and I bring thee back,
Thou shalt stand before Me;
And if thou bring forth the precious out of the vile,
Thou shalt be as My mouth;
Let them return unto thee,

But thou shalt not return unto them.
And I will make thee unto this people a fortified brazen wall;
And they shall fight against thee,
But they shall not prevail against thee;
For I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee,
Saith the Lord.
And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked,
And I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

Chapter 15.

THE MAN THAT IS BLESSED

Thus saith the Lord:
Cursed is the man that trusteth in man,
And maketh flesh his arm,
And whose heart departeth from the Lord.
For he shall be like a tamarisk in the desert,
And shall not see when good cometh;
But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness,
A salt land and not inhabited.
Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord,
And whose trust the Lord is.
For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters,
And that spreadeth out its roots by the river,

"I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he was at his work."

And shall not see when heat cometh,
But its foliage shall be luxuriant;
And shall not be anxious in the year of drought,
Neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Chapter 17.

THE PARABLE OF THE POTTER

The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear My words." Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he was at his work on the wheels.

And whensoever the vessel that he made of the clay was marred in the hand of the potter, he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: "O house of Israel cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are ye in My hand, O house of Israel. At one instant I may speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy it; but if that nation turn from their evil, because of which I have spoken against it, I repent of the evil that I thought to do unto it. And at one instant I may speak concerning a nation, and

concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; but if it do evil in My sight, that it hearken not to My voice, then I repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit it. Now therefore do thou speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying: Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you; return ye now every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. But they say: There is no hope; but we will walk after our own devices, and we will do every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart."

Chapter 18.

THE CHOICE BEFORE JUDAH

Thus saith the Lord: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say: Hear the word of the Lord, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates. Thus saith the Lord:

Execute ye justice and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor; and do no wrong, do no violence, to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place. For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall

there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by Myself, saith the Lord, that this house shall become a desolation.

And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour: "Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this great city?" Then they shall answer: "Because they forsook the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them."

Chapter 22.

SHEPHERDS OF ISRAEL

Woe unto the shepherds that destroy and scatter
The sheep of My pasture! saith the Lord.

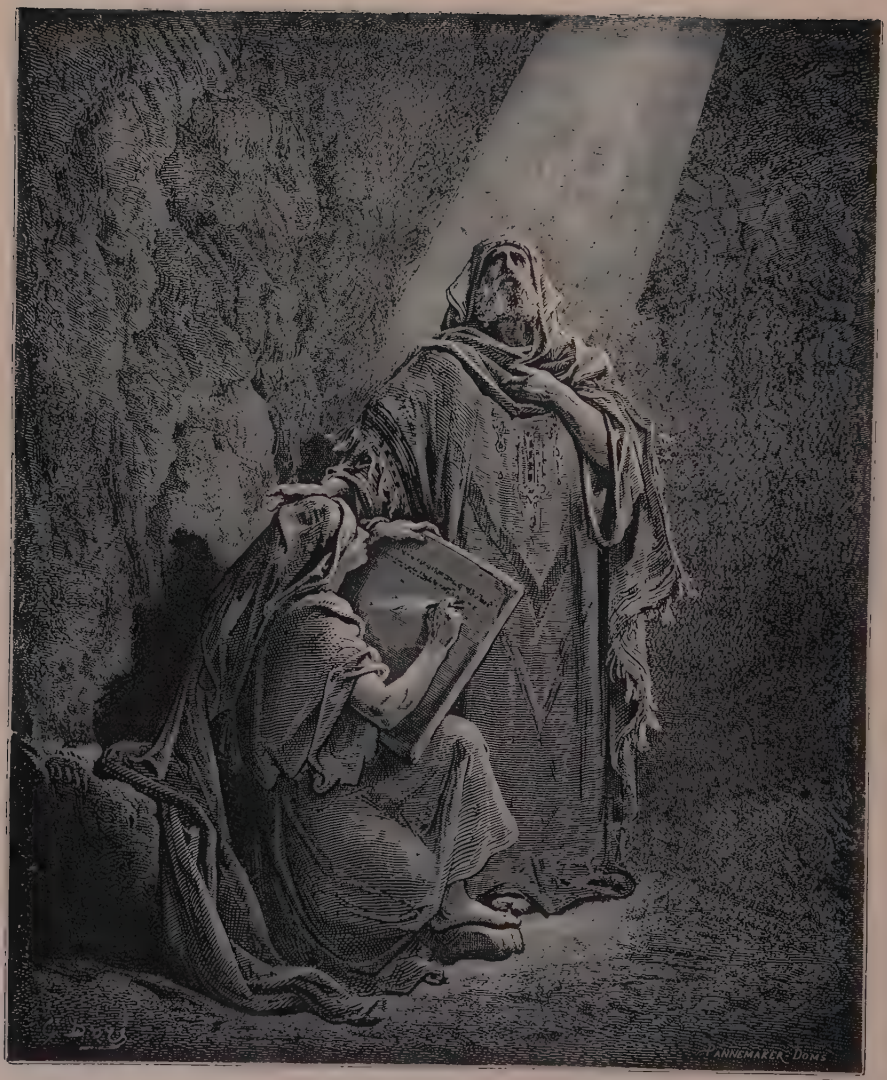
Therefore thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, against the shepherds that feed My people: Ye have scattered My flock, and driven them away, and have not taken care of them; behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord. And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful

and multiply. And I will set up shepherds over them, who shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking, saith the Lord.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord,
That I will raise unto David a righteous shoot,
And he shall reign as king and prosper,
And shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
In his days Judah shall be saved,
And Israel shall dwell safely;
And this is his name whereby he shall be called,
The Lord is our righteousness.

Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say: "As the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt"; but, "As the Lord liveth, that brought up and that led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries whither I had driven them"; and they shall dwell in their own land.

Chapter 23.



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Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, saying, "Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book."

THE PROMISE OF THE RETURN

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, "Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, saying: Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will turn the captivity of My people Israel and Judah, and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it."

Therefore fear thou not, O Jacob
My servant, saith the Lord;
Neither be dismayed, O Israel;
For, lo, I will save thee from afar,
And thy seed from the land of their captivity;
And Jacob shall again be quiet and at ease,
And none shall make him afraid.
For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee;
For I will make a full end of all the nations whither
  I have scattered thee,
But I will not make a full end of thee;
For I will correct thee in measure,
And will not utterly destroy thee.

For thus saith the Lord:
Thy hurt is incurable,

And thy wound is grievous.
None deemeth of thy wound that it may be bound up;
Thou hast no healing medicines.
All thy lovers have forgotten thee,
They seek thee not;
For I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy,
With the chastisement of a cruel one;
For the greatness of thine iniquity,
Because thy sins were increased.

I have done these things unto thee.
Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured,
And all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity;
And they that spoil thee shall be a spoil,
And all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.
For I will restore health upon thee,
And I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord:
Behold, I will turn the captivity of Jacob's tents,
And have compassion on his dwelling-places;
And the city shall be builded upon her own mound,
And the palace shall be inhabited upon its wonted place
And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving

And the voices of them that make merry;
And I will multiply them, and they shall not be diminished,
I will also increase them, and they shall not dwindle away.
Their children also shall be as aforetime,
And their congregation shall be established before Me,
And I will punish all that oppress them.

And ye shall be My people,
And I will be your God.

Chapter 30.

THE REMNANT

Thus saith the Lord:
The people that were left of the sword
Have found grace in the wilderness,
Even Israel, when I go to cause him to rest.
"From afar the Lord appeared unto me."
"Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love;
Therefore with affection have I drawn thee.
Again will I build thee, and thou shalt be built,
O virgin of Israel;
Again shalt thou be adorned with thy tabrets,
And shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

Again shalt thou plant vineyards upon the mountains of Samaria;
The planters shall plant, and shall have the use thereof.
For there shall be a day,
That the watchman shall call upon the mount Ephraim:
Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion,
Unto the Lord our God."

For thus saith the Lord:
Sing with gladness for Jacob,
And shout at the head of the nations;
Announce ye, praise ye, and say:
"O Lord, save Thy people,
The remnant of Israel."
Behold I will bring them from the north country,
And gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth,
And with them the blind and the lame:
A great company shall they return hither.
They shall come with weeping,
And with supplications will I lead them;
I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters,
In a straight way wherein they shall not stumble;
For I am become a father to Israel,
And Ephraim is My first-born.

Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations,
And declare it in the isles afar off, and say:
"He that scattereth Israel doth gather him,
And keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock."
For the Lord hath ransomed Jacob,
And He redeemeth him from the hand of him that
is stronger than he.
And they shall come and sing in the height of Zion,
And shall flow unto the goodness of the Lord,
And their soul shall be as a watered garden,
And they shall not pine any more at all.
Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance.
And the young men and the old together;
For I will turn their mourning into joy,
And will comfort them, and make them rejoice from
their sorrow.
And My people shall be satisfied with My goodness,
Saith the Lord.

Chapter 31.

THE VOICE OF RACHEL

Thus saith the Lord:
A voice is heard in Ramah,
Lamentation, and bitter weeping,
Rachel weeping for her children;
She refuseth to be comforted for her children,

Because they are not.

Thus saith the Lord:
Refrain thy voice from weeping,
And thine eyes from tears;
For thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord;
And they shall come back from the land of the enemy.
And there is hope for thy future, saith the Lord;
And thy children shall return to their own border.
I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself:
"Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised.
Turn thou me, and I shall be turned,
For Thou art the Lord my God.
I was ashamed, yea, even confounded,
Because I did not bear the reproach of my youth."
Is Ephraim a darling son unto Me?
Is he a child that is dandled?
For as often as I speak to him,
I do earnestly remember him still;
Therefore my heart yearneth for him,
I will surely have compassion upon him, saith the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:
Yet again shall they use this speech
In the land of Judah and in the cities thereof,
When I shall turn their captivity:

"The Lord bless thee, O habitation of righteousness,
O mountain of holiness."
And Judah and all the cities thereof
Shall dwell therein together:
The husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks.
For I have satiated the weary soul,
And every pining soul have I replenished.

Chapter 31.

THE NEW COVENANT

Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down, and to overthrow and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them to build and to plant, saith the Lord. In those days they shall say no more:

"The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
And the children's teeth are set on edge."

But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man that eateth the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord,

that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah; not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them out of the land of Egypt; forasmuch as they broke My covenant, although I was a lord over them, saith the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My law in their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people; and they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying: "Know the Lord"; for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.

Chapter 31.

ISRAEL FORGIVEN

Israel is a scattered sheep,
The lions have driven him away;
Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:
Behold, I will bring Israel back to his pasture.
And his soul shall be satisfied upon the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead.
In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord,

The iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there
shall be none,
And the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found;
For I will pardon them whom I leave as a remnant.

Chapter 50.

EZEKIEL

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BY THE RIVER CHEBAR

Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

And He said unto me: "Son of man, stand upon thy feet and I will speak with thee."

And He said unto me: "Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, that have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me, even unto this very day; and the children are brazen-faced and stiff-hearted, I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear—for they are a rebellious house—yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though defiers and despisers be with thee, be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks."

Then a spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great rushing: "Blessed be the glory of the Lord from His place." Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river Chebar, and I sat where they sat; and I remained there among them seven days.

Chapters 1, 2, 3.

THE JUDGMENT

Thus saith the Lord God: This is Jerusalem! I have set her in the midst of the nations, and countries are round about her. And she hath rebelled against Mine ordinances in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against My statutes more than the countries that are round about her; for they have rejected Mine ordinances, and as for My statutes, they have not walked in them.

Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and I will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations. I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter unto all the winds.

Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord, because thou

hast defiled My sanctuary, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall Mine eyes spare, and I also will have no pity. A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and a third part I will scatter to all the winds, and will draw out a sword after them.

Moreover I will make thee a desolate ruin and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, unto the nations that are round about thee.

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, and say: Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God: Thus saith the Lord God concerning the mountains and concerning the hills, concerning the ravines and concerning the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. And your altars shall become desolate, and your sun-images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols.

Yet will I leave a remnant, in that ye shall have some that escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries. And they that escape of you shall remember Me among the

nations whither they shall be carried captives, how that I have been anguished with their straying heart, which hath departed from Me, and with their eyes, which are gone astray after their idols; and they shall loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed. And they shall know that I am the Lord; I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

Chapters 5, 6.

GOD'S CARE OF ISRAEL

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: Son of man, as for thy brethren, and all the house of Israel, all of them, concerning whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said: Get you far from the Lord! unto us is this land given for a possession; therefore say: Thus saith the Lord God: Although I have removed them far off among the nations, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet have I been to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they are come; therefore say: Thus saith the Lord God: I will even gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things

thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence.

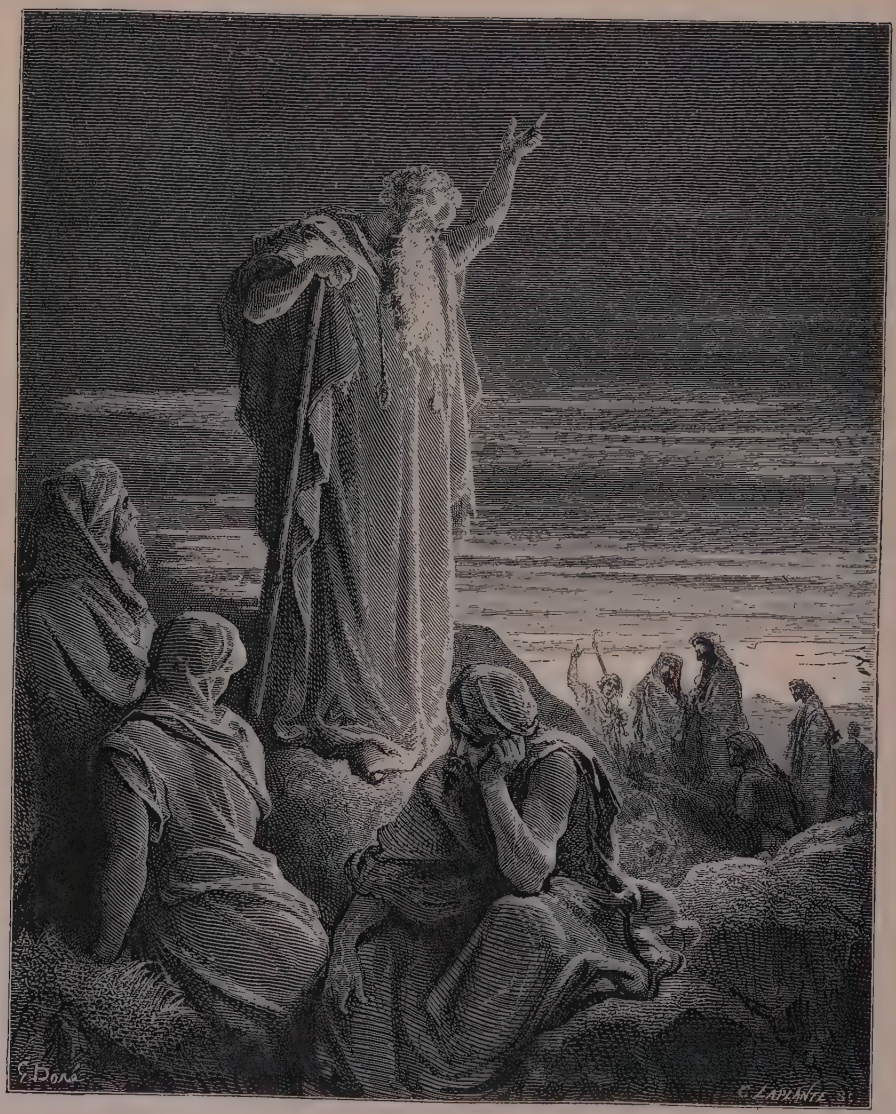
And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the stony heart out of their flesh; and will give them a heart of flesh; that they may walk in My statutes, and keep Mine ordinances, and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city. And a spirit lifted me up, and brought me in a vision by the spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. Then I spoke unto them of the captivity all the things that the Lord had shown me.

Chapter 11.

THE PROPHETS OF FALSEHOOD

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel, and say unto them that prophesy out of their own heart: Hear ye the word of the Lord: Thus saith the Lord God: Woe unto the vile prophets, that follow their own spirit, and things which they have not seen!



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"Now it came to pass, as I was among the captives by the river Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God."

O Israel, thy prophets have been like foxes in ruins. Ye have not gone up into the breaches, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel, to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. They have seen vanity and lying divination, that say: The Lord saith; and the Lord hath not sent them, yet they hope that the word would be confirmed!

Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you. And My hand shall be against the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies; that shall not be in the council of My people, neither shall they be written in the register of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

Chapter 13.

A PROVERB EXPLAINED

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: "What mean ye, that ye use this proverb in the land of Israel, saying:

The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
And the children's teeth are set on edge?

As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have

occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. Behold, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, and hath not lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, and hath not wronged any, but hath restored his pledge for a debt, hath taken nought by robbery, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; he that hath not given forth upon interest, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true justice between man and man, hath walked in My statutes, and hath kept Mine ordinances, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.

If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that doeth to a brother any of these things, hath wronged the poor and needy, hath taken by robbery, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath given forth upon interest, shall he then live? He shall not live—he shall surely be put to death, his blood shall be upon him.

Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins, which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like, that hath not lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not taken

aught to pledge, neither hath taken by robbery, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment, that hath withdrawn his hand from the poor, that hath not received interest, hath executed Mine ordinances, hath walked in My statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, committed robbery on his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he dieth for his iniquity.

Yet say ye: Why doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father with him? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all My statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.

The soul that sinneth, it shall die; the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father with him, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son with him; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his transgressions that he hath committed shall be remembered against him; for his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should

die? saith the Lord God; and not rather that he should return from his ways and live?

But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he hath done shall be remembered; for his trespass that he trespassed, and for his sin that he hath sinned, for them shall he die.

Yet ye say: The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is it My way that is not equal? is it not your ways that are unequal? When the righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall die therefor; for his iniquity, that he hath done shall he die. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Yet saith the house of Israel: The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, is it My ways that are not equal? is it not your ways that are unequal? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God.

Return ye, and turn yourselves from all your

transgressions; so shall they not be a stumbling block of iniquity unto you. Cast away from you all your transgressions, wherein ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God; wherefore turn yourselves, and live."

Chapter 18.

THE JUDGMENT OF TYRE

And it came to pass that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: "Son of man, because that Tyre hath said against Jerusalem:

Aha, she is broken that was the gate of the peoples;
She is turned unto me;
I shall be filled with her that is laid waste;
Therefore thus saith the Lord God:
Behold, I am against thee, O Tyre,
And will cause many nations to come against thee,
As the sea causeth its waves to come up.
And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre,
And break down her towers;
I will also scrape her dust from her,
And make her a bare rock.
She shall be a place for the spreading of nets

In the midst of the sea;
For I have spoken it, saith the Lord God;
And she shall become a spoil to the nations.
And they shall know that I am the Lord.

For thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will bring upon Tyre Nebuchadrezzer king of Babylon, king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and a company, and much people."

Chapter 26.

THE JUDGMENT OF EGYPT

In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the Lord came upon me, saying: "Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt; speak, and say: Thus saith the Lord God:

Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh King of Egypt,
The great dragon that lieth
In the midst of his rivers,
That hath said: My river is mine own,
And I have made it for myself.

And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know

That I am the Lord,
Because they have been a staff of reed
To the house of Israel.

Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold I will bring a sword upon thee, and will cut off from thee man and beast. And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste."

Chapter 29.

THE SHEEP OF MY PASTURE

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God: Woe unto the shepherds of Israel that have fed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the sheep? Ye did eat the fat, and ye clothed you with the wool, ye killed the fatlings; but ye fed not the sheep. The weak have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought back that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force have ye ruled over them and with rigour. So were they scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food to all the beasts of the

field. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every hill; yea, upon all the face of the earth were My sheep scattered and there was none that did search or seek.

Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require My sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; and I will deliver My sheep from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.

Behold, here am I, and I will search for My sheep, and seek them out, and I will deliver them out of all places whither they have been scattered in the day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the stream, and in all the habitable places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture; and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be; I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick; and the fat and the strong I will destroy; I will feed them in justice.

And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David. And I the

Lord will be their God ,and My servant David prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. And I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield her produce, and they shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those that made bondsmen of them.

And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the beast of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. And I will raise up unto them a plantation for renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the nations any more.

And they shall know that I the Lord their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people. And ye My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.

Chapter 34.

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and the Lord carried me out in a spirit, and set me down in the midst of the valley, and it was full of bones; and He caused me to pass by them round about, and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

And He said unto me: "Son of man, can these bones live?"

And I answered: "O Lord God, Thou knowest."

Then he said unto me: "Prophesy over these bones, and say unto them: O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord: Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you and ye shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a commotion, and the bones came together, bone to bone. And I beheld, and, lo, there were sinews upon them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them.

Then said He unto me: "Prophesy unto the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath: Thus

saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great host. Then He said unto me:

"Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say: Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off. Therefore prophesy, and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. And I will put My spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land; and ye shall know that I the Lord have spoken, and performed it, saith the Lord."

Chapter 37.

HOSEA

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Hosea

The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

GOD WARNS ISRAEL

When the Lord spoke at first with Hosea, He said unto him: "Go, take unto thee a wife." So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; and she bore him a son.

And the Lord said unto him: "Call his name Jezreel; for in yet a little while, I will visit the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

And Gomer bore a daughter. And He said unto him. "Call her name Lo-ruhamah[1]; for I will no more have compassion upon the house of Israel, that I should in any wise pardon them. But I will have compassion upon the house of Judah, and will save

[1] not pitied.

them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, nor by horses, nor by horsemen."

Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she bore a son. And He said: "Call his name Lo-ammi[1]; for ye are not My people, and I will not be yours."

Chapter 1.

GOD HAS COMPASSION ON ISRAEL

Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass that, instead of that which was said unto them: "Ye are not My people," it shall be said unto them: "Ye are the children of the living God." And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint themselves one head, and shall go up out of the land; for great shall be the day of Jezreel. Say ye unto your brethren: "Ammi;"[2] and to your sisters: "Ruhammah."[3]

And it shall come to pass in that day,
Saith the Lord, I will respond to the heavens,
And they shall respond to the earth;
And the earth shall respond to the corn, and the wine, and the oil;

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[1] not my people. [2] my people. [3] pitied.

And they shall respond to Jezreel.
And I will sow her unto Me in the land;
And I will have compassion upon her that had not obtained compassion;
And I will say to them that were not My people;
"Thou art My people";
And they shall say: "Thou art My God."

Chapter 2.

A CONTROVERSY WITH ISRAEL

Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel!
For the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land,
Because there is no truth, nor mercy,
Nor knowledge of God in the land.
Swearing and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery!
They break all bounds, and blood toucheth blood.
Therefore doth the land mourn,
And everyone that dwelleth therein doth languish,
With the beasts of the field and the fowls of heaven;
Yea, the fishes of the sea also are taken away.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge;
Because thou hast rejected knowledge,

I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest
to Me;
Seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God,
I also will forget thy children.

The more they were increased, the more they sinned
against Me;
I will change their glory into shame.
They feed on the sin of My people,
And set their heart on their iniquity.
And it is like people, like priest;
And I will punish him for his ways,
And will recompense him for his doings.
And they shall eat, and not have enough,
Because they have left off to take heed to the Lord.

Chapter 4.

THE RETURN TO THE LORD

"Come, and let us return unto the Lord;
For He hath torn, and He will heal us,
He hath smitten, and He will bind us up.
After two days will He revive us,
On the third day He will raise us up, that we may
live in His presence.
And let us know, eagerly strive to know the Lord.
His going forth is sure as the morning;

And He shall come unto us as the rain,
As the latter rain that watereth the earth."

O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee?
O Judah, what shall I do unto thee?
For your goodness is as a morning cloud,
And as the dew that early passeth away.
Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets,
I have slain them by the words of My mouth;
And thy judgment goeth forth as the light.
For I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,
And the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

Chapter 6.

ISRAEL TURNS TO IDOLS

Ephraim is become like a silly dove, without understanding:
They call unto Egypt, they go to Assyria.
Even as they go, I will spread My net upon them;
I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven:
I will chastise them, as their congregation hath been made to hear.
Woe unto them! for they have strayed from Me;
Destruction unto them! for they have transgressed against Me;

Shall I then redeem them,
Seeing they have spoken lies against Me?
And they have not cried unto Me with their heart,
Though they wail upon their beds;
They assemble themselves for corn and wine, they rebel against Me.
Though I have trained and strengthened their arms,
Yet do they devise evil against Me.
They return, but not upwards;
They are become like a deceitful bow;
Their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue;
This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

Set the horn to thy mouth.
As a vulture he cometh against the house of the Lord;
Because they have transgressed My covenant,
And transgressed against My law.
Of their silver and their gold have they made them idols.
That they may be cut off.
Thy calf, O Samaria, is cast off;
Mine anger is kindled against them;
How long will it be ere they attain to innocency?
For from Israel is even this:
The craftsman made it, and it is no God;
Yea, the calf of Samaria shall be broken in shivers.

For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind.

Ephraim hath multiplied altars to sin,
Yea, altars have been made unto him to sin.
Though I write for him ever so many things of My Law,
They are accounted as a stranger's.
As for the sacrifices that are made by fire unto Me,
Let them sacrifice flesh and eat it,
For the Lord accepteth them not.
Now will He remember their iniquity, and punish their sins;
They shall return to Egypt.
For Israel hath forgotten his Maker,
And builded palaces,
And Judah hath multiplied fortified cities;
But I will send a fire upon his cities
And it shall devour the castles thereof.

Israel was a luxuriant vine,
Which put forth fruit freely:
As his fruit increased,
He increased his altars;
The more goodly his land was,
The more goodly were his pillars.
Their heart is divided;
Now shall they bear their guilt:

"For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind."

He will break down their altars,
He will spoil their pillars,
Surely now shall they say:
"We have no king:
For we feared not the Lord;
And the king, what can he do for us?"
They speak words,
They swear falsely, they make covenants;
Thus judgment springeth up as hemlock
In the furrows of the field.
The inhabitants of Samaria shall be in dread
For the calves of Beth-aven;
For the people thereof shall mourn over it,
And the priests thereof shall tremble for it,
For its glory, because it is departed from it.
It also shall be carried unto Assyria
Ephraim shall receive shame,
And Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.
The thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars;
And they shall say to the mountains: "Cover us,"
And to the hills: "Fall on us."

Chapters 7, 8, 10.

GOD'S LOVE FOR ISRAEL

When Israel was a child, then I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called My son.
They sacrificed unto the Baalim,
And offered to graven images.
And I, I taught Ephraim to walk,
Taking them by their arms;
But they knew not that I healed them.
I drew them with cords of a man,
With bands of love;
And I was to them as they that take off the yoke
on their jaws,
And I fed them gently.

And My people are in suspense about returning to
Me;
And though they call them upwards,
None at all will lift himself up.
How shall I give thee up, Ephraim?
How shall I surrender thee, Israel?
My heart is turned within Me,
My compassions are kindled together.
I will not execute the fierceness of Mine anger,
I will not return to destroy Ephraim;
For I am God, and not man,
The Holy One in the midst of thee,

And I will not come in fury.
They shall walk after the Lord,
Who shall roar like a lion;
For He shall roar,
And the children shall come trembling from the west,
They shall come trembling as a bird out of Egypt,
And as a dove out of the land of Assyria;
And I will make them to dwell in their houses,
Saith the Lord.

Chapter 11.

THE PROPHET'S FINAL PLEA

Return, O Israel, unto the Lord thy God;
For thou hast stumbled in thine iniquity.
Take with you words,
And return unto the Lord;
Say unto Him: "Forgive all iniquity,
And accept that which is good;
So will we render for bullocks the offering of our lips.
Asshur shall not save us;
We will not ride upon horses;
Neither will we call any more the work of our hands our gods;
For in Thee the fatherless findeth mercy."

I will heal their backsliding,
I will love them freely;
For Mine anger is turned away from him.
I will be as the dew unto Israel;
He shall blossom as the lily,
And cast forth his roots as Lebanon.
His branches shall spread,
And his beauty shall be as the olive-tree,
And his fragrance as Lebanon.
They that dwell under his shadow shall again
Make corn to grow.
And shall blossom as the vine;
The scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.
Ephraim (shall say):
"What have I to do any more with idols?"
As for Me, I respond and look on him;
I am like a leafy cypress-tree;
From Me is thy fruit found.

Whoso is wise, let him understand these things,
Whoso is prudent, let him know them.
For the ways of the Lord are right,
And the just do walk in them;
But transgressors do stumble therein.

Chapter 14.

JOEL

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The word of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

THE WARNING

Hear this, ye old men,
And give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land.
Hath this been in your days,
Or in the days of your fathers?
Tell ye your children of it,
And let your children tell their children,
And their children another generation.
That which the palmer-worm hath left hath the locust eaten;
And that which the locust hath left hath the canker-worm eaten;
And that which the canker-worm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.

Awake, ye drunkards, and weep,
And wail, all ye drinkers of wine,

Because of the sweet wine,
For it is cut off from your mouth.
For a people is come upon my land,
Mighty, and without number;
His teeth are the teeth of a lion,
And he hath the jaw-teeth of a lioness.
He hath laid my vine waste,
And blasted my fig-tree;
He hath made it clean bare, and cast it down,
The branches thereof are made white.

Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth
For the husband of her youth.
The meal-offering and the drink-offering is cut off
From the house of the Lord;
The priests mourn,
Even the Lord's ministers.
The field is wasted,
The land mourneth;
For the corn is wasted,
The new wine is dried up,
The oil languisheth.

Be ashamed, O ye husbandmen,
Wail, O ye vinedressers,
For the wheat and for the barley;
Because the harvest of the field is perished.
The vine is withered,

"He hath laid my vine waste, and blasted my fig-tree; he hath made it clean bare, and cast it down, the branches thereof are made white."

And the fig-tree languisheth;
The pomegranate-tree, the palm-tree, also, and the apple-tree,
Even all the trees of the field are withered;
For joy is withered away from the sons of men.

Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests,
Wail, ye ministers of the altar;
Come, lie all night in sackcloth,
Ye ministers of my God;
For the meal-offering and the drink-offering is withholden
From the house of your God.

Sanctify ye a fast,
Call a solemn assembly,
Gather the elders
And all the inhabitants of the land
Unto the house of the Lord your God,
And cry unto the Lord.

Alas for the day!
For the day of the Lord is at hand,
And as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.
Is not the food cut off
Before our eyes,
Yea, joy and gladness

From the house of our God?
The grains shrivel under their hoes;
The garners are laid desolate,
The barns are broken down;
For the corn is withered.
How do the beasts groan!
The herds of cattle are perplexed,
Because they have no pasture;
Yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.
Unto Thee, O Lord, do I cry;
For the fire hath devoured
The pastures of the wilderness,
And the flame hath set ablaze
All the trees of the field.
Yea, the beasts of the field pant unto Thee;
For the water brooks are dried up,
And the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Chapter 1.

THE LOCUST PLAGUE

Blow ye the horn in Zion,
And sound an alarm in My holy mountain;
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble;
For the day of the Lord cometh,
For it is at hand;

A day of darkness and gloominess,
A day of clouds and thick darkness,
As blackness spread upon the mountains;
A great people and a mighty,
There hath not been ever the like,
Neither shall be any more after them,
Even to the years of many generations.
A fire devoureth before them,
And behind them a flame blazeth;
The land is as the garden of Eden before them,
And behind them a desolate wilderness;
Yea, and nothing escapeth them.

The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses;
And as horsemen, so do they run.
Like the noise of chariots,
On the tops of the mountains do they leap,
Like the noise of a flame of fire
That devoureth the stubble,
As a mighty people set in battle array.
At their presence the people are in anguish;
All faces have gathered blackness.
They run like mighty men,
They climb the wall like men of war;
And they move on every one in his ways,
And they entangle not their paths.
Neither doth one thrust another,

They march every one in his highway;
And they break through the weapons,
And suffer no harm.
They leap upon the city,
They run upon the wall,
They climb up into the houses;
They enter in at the windows like a thief.
Before them the earth quaketh,
The heavens tremble;
The sun and the moon are become black,
And the stars withdraw their shining.
And the Lord uttereth His voice before His army;
For His camp is very great,
For he is mighty that executeth His word;
For great is the day of the Lord and very terrible;
And who can abide it?

Chapter 2.

THE CALL TO REPENT

Yet even now, saith the Lord,
Turn ye unto Me with all your heart,
And with fasting, and with weeping, and with lamentation;
And rend your heart, and not your garments,
And turn unto the Lord your God;
For He is gracious and compassionate,

Long-suffering, and abundant in mercy,
And repenteth Him of the evil.
Who knoweth whether He will not turn and repent,
And leave a blessing behind Him.

Blow the horn in Zion,
Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly;
Gather the people,
Sanctify the congregation,
Assemble the elders,
Gather the children;
Let the bridegroom go forth from his chamber,
And the bride out of her pavilion.
Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord,
Weep between the porch and the altar,
And let them say: "Spare Thy people, O Lord,
And give not Thy heritage to reproach,
That the nations should make them a byword:
Wherefore should they say among the peoples:
Where is their God?"

Then was the Lord jealous for His land,
And had pity on His people.
And the Lord answered and said unto His people:
Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil,
And ye shall be satisfied therewith;
And I will no more make you a reproach among the
nations;

But I will remove far off from you the northern one,
And will drive him into a land barren and desolate.

Chapter 2.

A SONG OF REJOICING

Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice;
For the Lord hath done great things.
Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field;
For the pastures of the wilderness do spring,
For the tree beareth its fruit,
The fig-tree and the vine do yield their strength.
Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice
In the Lord your God;
For He giveth you the former rain in just measure,
And He causeth to come down for you the rain,
The former rain and the latter rain, at the first.
And the floors shall be full of corn,
And the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten,
The canker-worm, and the caterpillar, and the palmer-worm,
My great army which I sent among you.
And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
And shall praise the name of the Lord your God,
That hath dealt wondrously with you;

And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
And that I am the Lord your God, and there is none
else.

And it shall come to pass afterward,
That I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh;
And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions;
And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids
In those days will I pour out My spirit.
And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the
earth,
Blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.
And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call
on the name of the Lord shall be delivered;
For in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be
those that escape,
As the Lord hath said,
And among the remnant those whom the Lord shall
call.

Chapters 2, 3.

THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS

For, behold, in those days, and in that time,
When I shall bring back the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,
I will gather all the nations,
And will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat;
And I will enter into judgment with them there
For My people and My heritage Israel,
Whom they have scattered among the nations,
And divided My land.
Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!
For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.
The sun and the moon are become black,
And the stars withdraw their shining.
And the Lord shall roar from Zion,
And utter His voice from Jerusalem,
And the heavens and the earth shall shake;
But the Lord will be a refuge unto His people,
And a stronghold to the children of Israel.
So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God,
Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain;
Then shall Jerusalem be holy,
And there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

And it shall come to pass in that day,
That the mountains shall drop down sweet wine,
And the hills shall flow with milk,
And all the brooks of Judah shall flow with waters;
And a fountain shall come forth of the house of the
Lord,
And shall water the valley of Shittim.
Egypt shall be a desolation,
And Edom shall be a desolate wilderness,
For the violence against the children of Judah,
Because they have shed innocent blood in their land.
But Judah shall be inhabited for ever,
And Jerusalem from generation to generation.

Chapter 4.

AMOS

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Amos

Amos

The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

THE DOOM OF THE NATIONS

And he said:
The Lord roareth from Zion,
And uttereth His voice from Jerusalem;
And the pastures of the shepherds shall mourn,
And the top of Carmel shall wither.

Thus saith the Lord:
For three transgressions of Damascus,
Yea, for four, I will not reverse it;
Because they have threshed Gilead with sledges of iron.
So will I send a fire into the house of Hazael,
And I will break the bar of Damascus,

And the people of Aram shall go into captivity.

Thus saith the Lord:
For three transgressions of Edom,
Yea, for four, I will not reverse it:
Because he did pursue his brother with the sword,
And did cast off all pity,
And his anger did tear perpetually,
And he kept his wrath for ever.
So will I send a fire upon Teman,
And it shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

Thus saith the Lord:
For three transgressions of Judah,
Yea, for four, I will not reverse it:
Because they have rejected the law of the Lord,
And have not kept His statutes,
And their lies have caused them to err,
After which their fathers did walk.
So will I send a fire upon Judah,
And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

Thus saith the Lord:
For three transgressions of Israel,
Yea, for four, I will not reverse it:
Because they sell the righteous for silver,
And the needy for a pair of shoes;
And turn aside the way of the humble;

And they lay themselves down beside every altar
Upon clothes taken in pledge,
And in the house of their God they drink
The wine of them that have been fined.
Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them,
Whose height was like the height of the cedars,
And he was strong as the oaks;
Yet I destroyed his fruit from above,
And his roots from beneath,
Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt
And led you forty years in the wilderness,
To possess the land of the Amorite,
And I raised up of your sons for prophets,
And of your young men for Nazirites.
Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel?
Saith the Lord.
But ye gave the Nazirites wine to drink;
And commanded the prophets, saying: "Prophesy not."

Hear this word that the Lord hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Egypt, saying:

You only have I known of all the families of the earth;
Therefore I will visit upon you all your iniquities.

Chapters 1, 2, 3.

THE CALL TO PROPHECY

Will two walk together,
Except they have agreed?
Will a lion roar in the forest,
When he hath no prey?
Will a young lion give forth his voice out of his den,
If he have taken nothing?
Will a bird fall in a snare upon the earth,
Where there is no lure for it?
Will a snare spring up from the ground,
And have taken nothing at all?
Shall the horn be blown in a city,
And the people not tremble?
Shall evil befall a city,
And the Lord hath not done it?
For the Lord God will do nothing,
But He revealeth His counsel unto His servants the prophets.
The lion hath roared,
Who will not fear?
The Lord God hath spoken,
Who can but prophesy?

Chapter 3.

THE FALL OF ISRAEL

Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan,
That are in the mountain of Samaria,
That oppress the poor, that crush the needy,
That say unto their lords: "Bring that we may feast."

Come to Beth-el, and transgress,
To Gilgal, and multiply transgression;
And bring your sacrifices in the morning,
And your tithes after three days;
And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened,
And proclaim freewill-offerings and publish them;
For so ye love to do, O ye children of Israel,
Saith the Lord God.

And I also have given you
Cleanness of teeth in all your cities,
And want of bread in all your places;
Yet have ye not returned unto Me,
Saith the Lord.

And I also have withholden the rain from you,
When there were yet three months to the harvest;
And I caused it to rain upon one city,

And caused it not to rain upon another city;
One piece was rained upon,
And the piece whereupon it rained not withered.
So two or three cities wandered unto one city
To drink water, and were not satisfied;
Yet have ye not returned unto Me,
Saith the Lord.

I have overthrown some of you,
As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,
And ye were as a brand plucked out of the burning;
Yet have ye not returned unto Me,
Saith the Lord.

Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel,
For, lo, He that formeth the mountains, and createth
the wind,
And declareth unto man what is his thought,
That maketh the morning darkness,
And treadeth upon the high places of the earth;
The Lord, the God of hosts, is His name.

Chapter 4.

A LAMENTATION

Hear ye this word which I take up for a lamentation
over you, O house of Israel:

The virgin of Israel is fallen,
She shall no more rise;
She is cast down upon her land,
There is none to raise her up.

SEEK ME AND LIVE

For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel:

Seek ye Me, and live;
But seek not Beth-el,
Nor enter into Gilgal,
And pass not to Beer-sheba;
For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity,
And Beth-el shall come to nought.
Seek the Lord, and live—
Ye who turn justice to wormwood,
And cast righteousness to the ground;
Him that maketh the Pleiades and Orion,
And bringeth on the shadow of death in the morning,
And darkeneth the day into night;

That calleth for the waters of the sea,
And poureth them out upon the face of the earth;
The Lord is His name;
That causeth destruction to flash upon the strong,
So that destruction cometh upon the fortress.

Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live;
And so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
as ye say.
Hate the evil, and love the good,
And establish justice in the gate;
It may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
Will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord!
Wherefore would ye have the day of the Lord?
Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not
light?
Even very dark, and no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your feasts,
And I will take no delight in your solemn assem-
blies.
Yea, though ye offer me burnt-offerings and your
meal-offerings,
I will not accept them;
Neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat
beasts.
Take thou away from Me the noise of thy songs;

And let Me not hear the melody of thy psalteries.
But let justice well up as waters,
And righteousness as a mighty stream.

Chapter 5.

THE PLEA FOR PARDON

Thus the Lord God showed me; and, behold, He formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings. And it came to pass, that when they made an end of eating the grass of the land—I said:

O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee;
How shall Jacob stand? for he is small.
The Lord repented concerning this;
"It shall not be," saith the Lord.

Thus the Lord God showed me; and, behold, the Lord God called to contend by fire; and it devoured the great deep, and would have eaten up the land. Then said I:

O Lord God, cease, I beseech Thee;
How shall Jacob stand? for he is small.

The Lord repented concerning this: "This also shall not be," saith the Lord God.

Thus He showed me; and, behold, the Lord stood beside a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in His hand. And the Lord said unto me: "Amos, what seest thou?" And I said: "A plumbline." Then said the Lord:

Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of My people Israel;
I will not again pardon them any more;
And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate,
And the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste;
And I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

Chapter 7.

A FAMINE OF THE SPIRIT

Hear this, O ye that would swallow the needy,
And destroy the poor of the land,
Saying: "When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell grain?
And the sabbath, that we may set forth corn?
Making the ephah small, and the shekel great,
And falsifying the balances of deceit;

That we may buy the poor for silver,
And the needy for a pair of shoes,
And sell the refuse of the corn."
The Lord hath sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their works.
Shall not the land tremble for this,
And every one mourn that dwelleth therein?

And it shall come to pass in that day,
Saith the Lord God,
That I will cause the sun to go down at noon,
And I will darken the earth in the clear day,
And I will turn your feasts into mourning,
And all your songs into lamentation.

Behold the days come, saith the Lord God,
That I will send a famine in the land,
Not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water,
But of hearing the words of the Lord.

Chapter 8.

THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL

For the Lord, the God of hosts,
Is He that toucheth the land and it melteth,
And all that dwell therein mourn;
And it riseth up wholly like the River,

And sinketh again, like the River of Egypt;
It is He that buildeth His upper chambers in the heaven,
And hath founded His vault upon the earth;
He that calleth for the waters of the sea,
And poureth them out upon the face of the earth;
The Lord is His name.

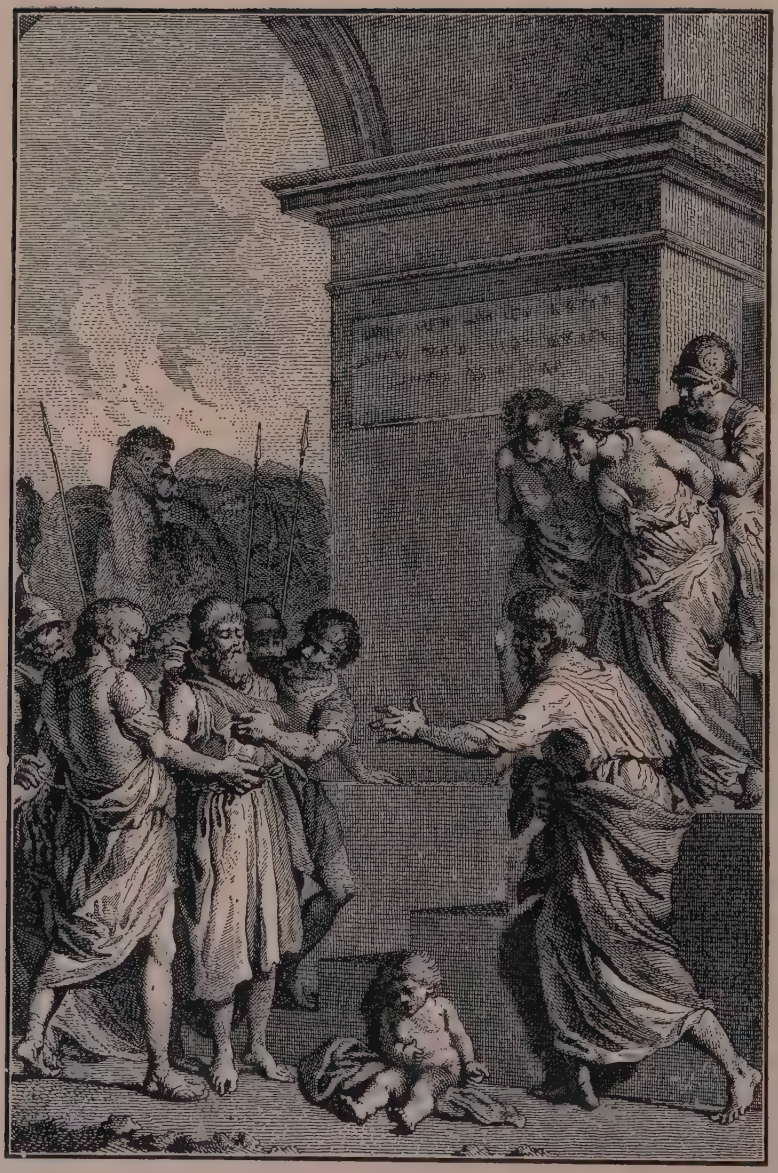
Are ye not as the children of the Ethiopians unto Me,
O children of Israel? saith the Lord.
Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt,
And the Philistines from Caphtor,
And Aram from Kir?
Behold, the eyes of the Lord God
Are upon the sinful kingdom,
And I will destroy it from off the face of the earth;
Saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,
Saith the Lord.
For lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all the nations,
Like as corn is sifted in a sieve,
Yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth,
All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword,
That say "The evil shall not overtake nor confront us."

In that day will I raise up
The tabernacle of David that is fallen,
And close up the breaches thereof,
And I will raise up his ruins,
And I will build it as in the days of old.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord,
That the plowman shall overtake the reaper,
And the treader of grapes him that soweth seed;
And the mountains shall drop sweet wine,
And all the hills shall melt.
And I will turn the captivity of My people Israel.
And they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them;
And they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof;
They shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.
And I will plant them upon their land,
And they shall no more be plucked up
Out of their land which I have given them,
Saith the Lord thy God.

Chapter 9.

OBADIAH



"The pride of thine heart hath beguiled thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock."

Obadiah

The Vision of Obadiah.

THE PUNISHMENT OF EDOM

Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom:
We have heard a message from the Lord,
And an ambassador is sent among the nations:
"Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle."
Behold, I make thee small among the nations;
Thou art greatly despised.
The pride of thy heart hath beguiled thee,
O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock,
Thy habitation on high;
That sayeth in thy heart:
"Who shall bring me down to the ground?"
Though thou make thy nest as high as the eagle,
And though thou set it among the stars,
I will bring thee down from thence, saith the Lord.

Shall I not in that day, saith the Lord,
Destroy the wise men out of Edom,

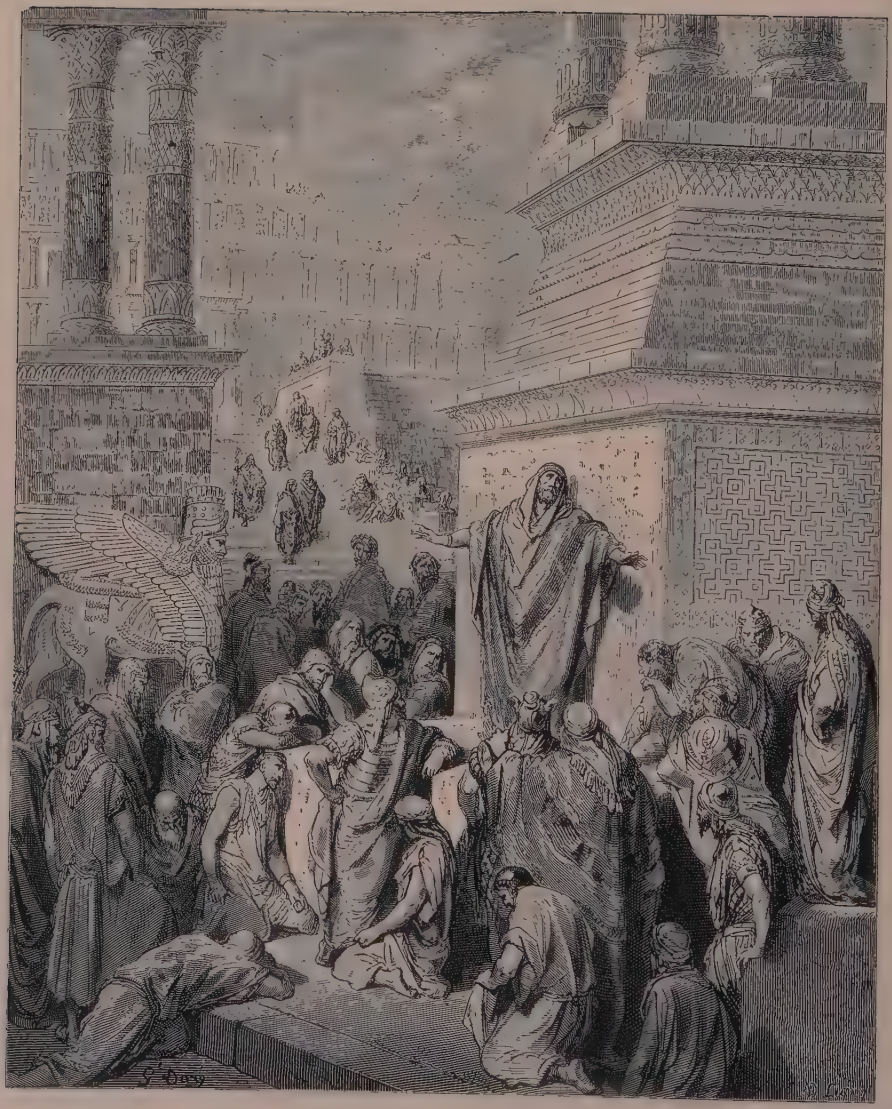
And discernment out of the mount of Esau?

For the violence done to thy brother Jacob shame
shall cover thee,
And thou shalt be cut off for ever.
In the day that thou didst stand aloof,
In the day that strangers carried away his substance,
And foreigners entered into his gates,
And cast lots upon Jerusalem,
Even thou wast as one of them.
But thou shouldest not have gazed on the day of thy
brother
In the day of his disaster,
Neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah
In the day of their destruction;
Neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly
In the day of distress.
Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of My
people
In the day of their calamity;
Nor have laid hands on their substance
In the day of their calamity.
Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway,
To cut off those of his that escape;
Neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of
his
That did remain in the day of distress.

For the day of the Lord is near upon all the nations;
As thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee;
Thy dealing shall return upon thine own head.

And saviours shall come up on mount Zion
To judge the mount of Esau;
And the kingdom shall be the Lord's.

JONAH



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"So Jonah went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord."

Jonah

JONAH'S ADVENTURES

Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah, the son of Amittai saying: "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim against it; for their wickedness is come up before Me."

But Jonah rose up to flee into Tarshish from the presence of the Lord; and he went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. And the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god; and they cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it unto them. But Jonah was gone down into the innermost parts of the ship and was fast asleep.

So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him: "What meanest thou that thou sleepest? arise, call upon thy God, that we perish not."

And they said every one to his fellow: "Come and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

Then said they unto him: "Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; what is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou?"

And he said unto them: "I am a Hebrew; and I fear the Lord the God of heaven, who hath made the sea and the dry land."

Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him: "What is this that thou hast done?" For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

Then said they unto him: "What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous.

And he said unto them: "Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you; for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you."

Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not; for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. Wherefore they cried unto the Lord, and said: "We beseech Thee O Lord, we beseech Thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood;

"So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea."

for Thou, O Lord, hast done as it pleased Thee."

So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly; and they offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made vows.

And the Lord prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly. And he said:

I called out of mine affliction
Unto the Lord, and He answered me;
For thou didst cast me into the depth,
And the flood was round about me;
All Thy waves and Thy billows
Passed over me.
And I said: "I am cast out
From before Thine eyes";
Yet I will look again
Toward Thy holy temple.
The waters compassed me about, even to the soul;
The deep was round about me;
The weeds were wrapped about my head.
Yet hast Thou brought up my life from the pit,
O Lord my God.
When my soul fainteth within me,
I remembered the Lord;
And my prayer came in unto Thee,
Into Thy holy temple.

And the Lord spoke unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

Chapters 1, 2.

THE PROCLAMATION

And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying: "Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and make unto it the proclamation that I bid thee." So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city, of three days journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he proclaimed, and said: "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown."

And the people of Nineveh believed God; and they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. And the tidings reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

And he caused it to be proclaimed through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying: "Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, nor drink water; but let them be covered with sackcloth, both man and beast, and let them cry mightily unto God; yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from

"Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown."

the violence that is in their hands. Who knoweth whether God will not turn and repent, and turn away from His fierce anger, that we perish not?"

Chapter 3.

JONAH AND THE GOURD

And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, which He said He would not do unto them; and He did it not.

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed unto the Lord, and said: "I pray Thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in mine own country? Therefore I fled beforehand unto Tarshish; for I knew that Thou art a gracious God, and compassionate, long-suffering, and abundant in mercy, and repentest of the evil. Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech Thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live."

Then Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city. And the Lord God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head. So Jonah was exceeding glad because of the gourd. But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the

next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and requested for himself that he might die, and said: "It is better for me to die, than to live."

And God said to Jonah: "Art thou greatly angry for the gourd?"

And he said: "I am greatly angry, even unto death."

And the Lord said: "Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow, which came up in a night, and perished in a night; and should not I have pity on Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than six-score thousand persons."

Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4.

MICAH

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"Hear, ye peoples, hearken, O earth, and all that therein is; and let the Lord God be witness against you, the Lord from His holy temple."

Micah

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The word of the Lord that came to Micah the Morashtite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

THE COMING OF THE LORD

Hear, ye peoples, all of you;
Hearken, O earth, and all that therein is;
And let the Lord God be witness against you,
The Lord from His holy temple.
For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of His place,
And will come down, and tread upon the high places
  of the earth.
And the mountains shall be molten under Him,
And the valleys shall be cleft.
As wax before the fire,
As waters that are poured down a steep place.

Woe to them that devise iniquity
And work evil upon their beds!
When the morning is light, they execute it,
Because it is in the power of their hand.
And they covet fields, and seize them;
And houses, and take them away;
Thus they oppress a man and his house,
Even a man and his heritage.
Therefore thus saith the Lord:
Behold, against this family do I devise an evil,
From which ye shall not remove your necks,
Neither shall ye walk upright; for it shall be an evil time.

Hear, I pray you, ye heads of Jacob,
And rulers of the house of Israel:
Is it not for you to know justice?
Who hate the good, and love the evil:
Who rob their skin from off them,
And their flesh from off their bones.
Then shall they cry unto the Lord,
But He will not answer them;
Yea, He will hide His face from them at that time,
According as they have wrought evil in their doings.

Chapters 1, 2, 3.

THE FALSE PROPHETS ARE DENOUNCED

Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets
that make my people to err;
That cry: "Peace," when their teeth have anything
to bite;
And whoso putteth not into their mouths,
They even prepare war against him;
Therefore it shall be night unto you,
that ye shall have no vision;
And it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine;
And the sun shall go down upon the prophets,
And the day shall be black over them.
And the seers shall be put to shame, and the diviners
confounded;
Yea, they shall all cover their upper lips;
For there shall be no answer of God.
But I truly am full of power by the spirit of the Lord,
And of justice, and of might,
To declare unto Jacob his transgression,
And to Israel his sin.

Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob,
And rulers of the house of Israel,
That abhor justice, and pervert all equity;
That build up Zion with blood,

And Jerusalem with iniquity.
The heads thereof judge for reward,
And the priests thereof teach for hire,
And the prophets thereof divine for money;
Yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say:
"Is not the Lord in the midst of us?
No evil shall come upon us?"
Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field,
And Jerusalem shall become heaps,
And the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

Chapter 3.

A VISION OF THE FUTURE

But in the end of days it shall come to pass,
That the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the top of the mountains,
And it shall be exalted above the hills;
And peoples shall flow unto it.
And many nations shall go and say:
"Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
And to the house of the God of Jacob;
And He will teach us of His ways,
And we will walk in His paths;

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
And He shall judge between many peoples,
And shall decide concerning mighty nations afar off;
And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning-hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war any more.
But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree;
And none shall make them afraid;
For the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken.

Let all the peoples walk each one in the name of its god,
But we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.
In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that halteth,
And I will gather her that is driven away,
And her that I have afflicted;
And I will make her that halted a remnant,
And her that was cast far off a mighty nation;
And the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from thenceforth even for ever.

And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples,

As dew from the Lord, as showers upon the grass,
That are not looked for from man,
Nor awaited at the hands of the sons of men.
And there is none to deliver.

Chapters 4, 5.

WHAT DOTH GOD REQUIRE?

Hear ye now what the Lord saith:
Arise, contend thou before the mountains,
And let the hills hear thy voice,
Hear, O ye mountains, the Lord's controversy,
And ye enduring rocks, the foundations of the earth;
For the Lord hath a controversy with His people,
And He will plead with Israel.

O My people, what have I done unto thee?
And wherein have I wearied thee?
Testify against Me.
For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt,
And redeemed thee out of the house of bondage,
And I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
O My people, remember now what Balak King of
Moab devised,
And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him;
From Shittim unto Gilgal,
That he may know the righteous acts of the Lord.

"Wherewith shall I come before the Lord,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt-offerings,
With calves of a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

It hath been told thee, O man, what is good,
And what the Lord doth require of thee:
Only to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk
humbly with thy God.

Chapter 6.

NAHUM

John Martin

The Fall of Nineveh

Nahum

The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

The Lord is a jealous and avenging God,
The Lord avengeth and is full of wrath;
The Lord taketh vengeance on His adversaries,
And He reserveth wrath for His enemies.
The Lord is long-suffering, and great in power,
And will by no means clear the guilty;
The Lord, in the whirlwind and in the storm is His way,
And the clouds are the dust of His feet.
He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry,
And drieth up all the rivers;
The mountains quake at Him,
And the hills melt;
And the earth is upheaved at His presence,
Yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.
Who can stand before His indignation?
And who can abide in the fierceness of His anger?
His fury is poured out like fire,
And the rocks are broken asunder before Him.

The Lord is good,
A stronghold in the day of trouble;
And He knoweth them that take refuge in Him.

Chapter 1.

THE PROMISE TO JUDAH

Thus saith the Lord:
Though they be in full strength, and likewise many,
Even so shall they be cut down,
And though I have afflicted thee,
I will afflict thee no more.
And now will I break his yoke from off thee,
And will burst thy bonds in sunder.

Behold upon the mountains the feet of him
That bringeth good tidings, that announceth peace!
Keep thy feasts, O Judah,
Perform thy vows;
For the wicked one shall no more pass through thee;
He is utterly cut off.

Chapters 1, 2.

THE JUDGMENT OF NINEVEH

A maul[1] is come up before thy face;
Guard the defences,
Watch the way, make thy loins strong,
Fortify thy power mightily!
For the Lord restoreth the pride of Jacob,
As the pride of Israel:
The shield of his mighty men is made red,
The valiant men are in scarlet;
The chariots are fire of steel in the day of his preparation,
And the cypress spears are made to quiver.
The chariots rush madly in the streets,
They jostle one against another in broad places;
The appearance of them is like torches,
They run to and fro like the lightnings.

Where is the den of the lions,
Which was the feeding-place of the young lions,
Where the lion and the lioness walked,
And the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid?

The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps,
And strangled for his lionesses,
And filled his caves with prey,

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[1] a disperser, one who scatters.

And his dens with ravin.[1]
Behold, I am against thee, saith the Lord of hosts,
And I will burn her chariots in the smoke,
And the sword shall devour thy young lions;
And I will cut off thy prey from the earth,
And the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

Chapter 2.

THE WICKED CITY

Woe to the bloody city!
It is all full of lies and rapine;[2]
The prey departeth not.
Hark! the whip, and hark! the rattling of wheels;
And prancing horses, and bounding chariots;
The horseman charging,
And the flashing sword, and the glittering spear;
And a multitude of slain.
And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee
Shall flee from thee,
And say: "Nineveh is laid waste;
Who will bemoan her?
Whence shall I seek comforters for thee?"

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[1] prey.
[2] plunder or robbery.

All thy fortresses shall be like fig-trees with the first-
ripe figs:
If they be shaken, they fall into the mouth of the
eater.
Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women;
The gates of thy land are set wide open into thine
enemies;
The fire hath devoured thy bars.
Draw thee water for the siege,
Strengthen thy fortresses;
Go into the clay, and tread the mortar,
Lay hold of the brickmould.
There shall the fire devour thee;
The sword shall cut thee off.

Chapter 3.

HABAKKUK

Sargent

Habakkuk

Habakkuk

The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

THE QUESTIONING PROPHET

How long, O Lord, shall I cry,
And Thou wilt not hear?
I cry out unto Thee of violence,
And Thou wilt not save.
Why dost Thou show me iniquity,
And beholdest mischief?
And why are spoiling and violence before me?
So that there is strife, and contention ariseth.
Therefore the law is slacked,
And right doth never go forth;
For the wicked doth beset the righteous;
Therefore right goeth forth perverted.
Art not Thou from everlasting,
O Lord my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.
O Lord, Thou hast ordained them for judgment,
And Thou, O Rock, hast established them for correction.

Thou that art of eyes too pure to behold evil,
And that canst not look on mischief,
Wherefore lookest Thou, when they deal treacherously,
And holdest Thy peace, when the wicked swalloweth up
The man that is more righteous than he;
And makest men as the fishes of the sea,
As the creeping things, that have no ruler over them?
They take up all of them with the angle,
They catch them in their net,
And gather them in their drag;
Therefore they rejoice and exult.
Therefore they sacrifice unto their net,
And offer unto their drag;
Because by them their portion is fat,
And their food plenteous.

Chapter 1.

THE REPLY

I will stand upon my watch,
And set me upon the tower
And will look out to see what He will speak by me,
And what I shall answer when I am reproved.
And the Lord answered me, and said:

"Write the vision,
And make it plain upon tables,
That a man may read it swiftly.
For the vision is yet for the appointed time,
And it declareth of the end, and doth not lie;
Though it tarry, wait for it;
Because it will surely come, it will not delay."

Behold, his soul is puffed up, it is not upright in him;
But the righteous shall live by his faith.

Woe to him that gaineth evil gains for his house,
That he may set his nest on high,
That he may be delivered from the power of evil!
Thou hast devised shame to thy house,
And hast forfeited thy life.
For the stone shall cry out of the wall,
And the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood,
And establisheth a city by iniquity!
Behold, is it not of the Lord of hosts
That the peoples labour for the fire,
And the nations weary themselves for vanity?
For the earth shall be filled
With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,
As the waters cover the sea.

What profiteth the graven image,
That the maker thereof hath graven it,
Even the molten image, and the teacher of lies;
That the maker of his work trusteth therein,
To make dumb idols?
Woe unto him that saith to the wood: "Awake,"
To the dumb stone: "Arise!"
Can this teach?
Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
And there is no breath at all in the midst of it.
But the Lord is in His holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Chapter 2.

A PRAYER

O Lord, I have heard the report of Thee, and am afraid;
O Lord, revive Thy work in the midst of the years,
In the midst of the years make it known;
In wrath remember compassion.
His glory covereth the heavens,
And the earth is full of His praise.
And a brightness appeareth as the light;
Rays hath He at His side;
He standeth, and shaketh the earth,
He beholdeth, and maketh the nations to tremble;

And the everlasting mountains are dashed in pieces.

Thou dost cleave the earth with rivers.
The mountains have seen Thee, and they tremble;
The tempest of waters floweth over;
The deep uttereth its voice,
And lifteth up its hands on high.
The sun and moon stand still in their habitation;
At the light of Thine arrows as they go,
At the shining of Thy glittering spear.
Thou marchest through the earth in indignation,
Thou threshest the nations in anger.
Thou art come forth for the deliverance of Thy
people,
For the deliverance of Thine anointed.

Thou hast trodden the sea with Thy horses,
The foaming of mighty waters.
When I heard, mine inward parts trembled,
My lips quivered at the voice,
Rottenness entereth into my bones,
And I tremble where I stand;
That I should wait for the day of trouble,
When he cometh up against the people that he in-
vadeth.
For though the fig-tree shall not blossom,
Neither shall fruit be in the vines;
The labour of the olive shall fail,

And the fields shall yield no food;
The flock shall be cut off from the fold,
And there shall be no herd in the stalls;
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
God, the Lord, is my strength.
And He maketh my feet like hinds' feet,
And He maketh me to walk upon my high places.

Chapter 3.

ZEPHANIAH

Zephaniah

The word of the Lord which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

THE DECREE AGAINST JUDAH

I will utterly consume all things
From off the face of the earth,
Saith the Lord.
And I will cut off man from off the face of the earth,
And I will stretch out my hand upon Judah,
And upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem;
And I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place,
And the name of the idolatrous priests with the priests;
And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops;
And them that worship, that swear to the Lord
And swear by Malcam;

Them also that are turned back from following the Lord;
And those that have not sought the Lord, nor inquired after Him.

Chapter 1.

THE DAY OF THE LORD

The great day of the Lord is near,
It is near and hasteth greatly,
Even the voice of the day of the Lord,
Wherein the mighty man crieth bitterly.
That day is a day of wrath,
A day of trouble and distress.
A day of wasteness and desolation,
A day of darkness and gloominess,
A day of clouds and thick darkness,
A day of the horn and alarm,
Against the fortified cities, and against the high towers,
And I will bring distress upon men,
That they shall walk like the blind,
Because they have sinned against the Lord;
Neither their silver nor their gold
Shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath;
But the whole earth shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy;

For He will make an end, yea, a terrible end,
Of all them that dwell in the earth.

Chapter 1.

A SONG OF REJOICING

Sing, O daughter of Zion,
Shout, O Israel;
Be glad and rejoice with all thy heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem.
The Lord hath taken away thy judgments,
He hath cast out thine enemy;
The King of Israel, even the Lord is in the midst of thee;
Thou shalt not fear evil any more.
In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear thou not;
O Zion, let not thy hands be slack.
The Lord thy God is in the midst of thee,
A Mighty One who will save;
He will rejoice over thee with joy,
He will be silent in His love,
He will joy over thee with singing."

I will gather them that are far from the appointed season, who are of thee,
Thou hast borne the burden of reproach.

Behold, at that time
I will deal with all them that afflict thee;
And I will save her that is lame,
And gather her that was driven away;
And I will make them to be a praise and a name,
Whose shame hath been in all the earth.
At that time will I bring you in,
And at that time will I gather you;
For I will make you to be a name and a praise
Among all the peoples of the earth,
When I turn your captivity before your eyes,
Saith the Lord.

Chapter 3.

HAGGAI

Sargent

Haggai and Malachi

Haggai

THE GLORY OF THE LATTER HOUSE

In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying:

"This people say: The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built."

"Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your ceiled houses, while this house lieth waste?" Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts:

Consider your ways.
Ye have sown much and brought in little,
Ye eat, but ye have not enough,
Ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink,
Ye clothe you, but there is none warm;
And he that earneth wages earneth wages
For a bag with holes.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.

Go up to the hill-country, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified."

Then spoke Haggai the Lord's messenger unto the people, saying: "I am with you, saith the Lord."

And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the King.

In the seventh month, came the word of the Lord by Haggai saying: "Speak now to Zerubbabel governor of Judah, and to Joshua the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying: Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? And how do ye see it now? Is not such a one as nothing in your eyes? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, and be strong, O Joshua, and be strong, all ye people of the land, and work; for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts. The word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt have I established, and My spirit abideth among you; fear ye not.

For thus saith the Lord of hosts: "Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the choicest things of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with glory.

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"Be strong, all ye people of the land, and work."

Mine is the silver, and Mine the gold, saith the Lord of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former, and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts."

Chapters 1, 2.

ZECHARIAH

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THE PROCLAMATION

In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the prophet, saying:

"The Lord hath been sore displeased with your fathers. Therefore say thou unto them: Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Return unto Me, and I will return unto you. Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets proclaimed, saying: Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Return ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings; but they did not hear, nor attend unto Me, saith the Lord. Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever? But My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? so that they turned and said: Like as the Lord of hosts purposed to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath He dealt with us."

Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month came the word of the Lord unto Zech-

ariah, saying: Thus saith the Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy; and I am very sore displeased with the nations that are at ease; for I was but a little displeased, and they helped for evil. Therefore thus saith the Lord, I return to Jerusalem with compassions. My house shall be built in it, and a line shall be stretched forth over Jerusalem.

Again, proclaim, saying: Thus saith the Lord of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

Ho, ho, flee then from the land of the north, saith the Lord; for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the Lord. Ho, Zion, escape, thou that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord. And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day, and shall be My people, and I will dwell in the midst of thee; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the Lord shall inherit Judah as His portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

Chapters 1, 2.

NOT BY MIGHT!

This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you."

Chapter 4.

THE BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: "Take of them of the captivity, that are come from Babylon; and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah; yea, take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set the one upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and speak unto him, saying: Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying: Behold a man whose name is the Shoot, and who shall shoot up out of his place, and build the temple of the Lord; even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his

throne; and there shall be a priest before his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord, and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you."

Chapter 6.

THE CITY OF TRUTH

And the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah, saying: "Thus hath the Lord of hosts spoken, saying: Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassion every man to his brother; and oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you devise evil against his brother in your heart. But they refused to attend, and turned a stubborn shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they might not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent by His spirit by the hand of the former prophets; therefore came there great wrath from the Lord of hosts.

And it came to pass that, as He called, and they would not hear; so they shall call, and I will not hear, said the Lord of hosts; but I will scatter them

with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they have not known."

Thus saith the Lord: I return unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem shall be called the city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women sit in the broad places of Jerusalem, every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the broad places of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the broad places thereof.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will save My people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be My people and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

And the word of the Lord of hosts came unto me, saying: It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come peoples, and the inhabitants of many cities; and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying: Let us go speedily to entreat the favour of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts. Yea, many peoples and mighty nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favour of the Lord.

Chapters 7, 8.

THE RETURN

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem;
Behold, thy king cometh unto thee,
He is triumphant, and victorious.
And he shall speak peace unto the nations;
And his dominion shall be from sea to sea.

And I will strengthen the house of Judah,
And I will save the house of Joseph,
And I will bring them back, for I have compassion upon them,
And they shall be as though I had not cast them off;
For I am the Lord their God, and I will hear them.

And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man,
And their heart shall rejoice as through wine;
Yea, their children shall see it, and rejoice,
Their heart shall be glad in the Lord.
And they shall increase as they have increased.
And I will sow them among the peoples,
And they shall remember Me in far countries;
And they shall live with their children, and shall return.
I will bring them back also out of the land of Egypt,
And gather them out of Assyria;

And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and
Lebanon,
And I will strengthen them in the Lord;
And they shall walk up and down in His name,
Saith the Lord.

Chapter 10.

MALACHI

Malachi

The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi.

WHERE IS MY HONOR?

A son honoureth his father,
And a servant his master;
If then I be a father,
Where is My honour?
And if I be a master,
Where is My fear?
Saith the Lord of hosts
Unto you, O priests, that despise My name.
And ye say: "Wherein have we despised Thy name?"
Ye offer polluted bread upon Mine altar.
And ye say: "Wherein have we polluted Thee?"
In that ye say: "The table of the Lord is contemptible."
And when ye offer the blind for sacrifice, it is no evil!

Present it now unto thy governor;
Will he be pleased with thee?
Or will he accept thy person?
Saith the Lord of hosts.
And now, I pray you, entreat the favour of God
That He may be gracious unto us!
This hath been of your doing.
Will He accept any of your persons?
Saith the Lord of hosts.
Oh that there were even one among you that would shut the doors,
That ye might not kindle fire on Mine altar in vain!
I have no pleasure in you,
Saith the Lord of hosts,
Neither will I accept an offering at your hand,
For from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same
My name is great among the nations;
And in every place offerings are presented unto My name,
Even pure oblations;
For My name is great among the nations,
Saith the Lord of hosts.
But ye profane it.

Chapter 1.

GOD REBUKES THE PRIESTS

And now, this commandment
Is for you, O ye priests.
If ye will not hearken, and if ye will not lay it to
heart,
To give glory unto My name,
Saith the Lord of hosts,
Then will I send the curse upon you,
And I will curse your blessings;
Yea, I will curse them.
Because ye do not lay it to heart.
Know then that I have sent
This commandment unto you,
That My covenant might be with Levi,
Saith the Lord of hosts.
The law of truth was in his mouth,
And unrighteousness was not found in his lips;
He walked with Me in peace and uprightness,
And did turn many away from iniquity.
For the priest's lips should keep knowledge,
And they should seek the law at his mouth;
For he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.
But ye are turned aside out of the way;

Ye have caused many to stumble in the law;
Ye have corrupted the covenants of Levi

Saith the Lord of hosts.
Therefore have I also made you
Contemptible and base before all the people,
According as ye have not kept My ways,
But have had respect of persons in the law.

Chapter 2.

THE FATHER OF ALL

Have we not all one father?
Hath not one God created us?
Why do we deal treacherously every man against
his brother?
Profaning the covenant of our fathers?

Ye have wearied the Lord with your words.
Yet ye say: "Wherein have we wearied Him"?
In that ye say: "Every one that doeth evil
Is good in the sight of the Lord,
And He delighteth in them,
Or where is the God of justice"?

Chapter 2.

THE MESSENGER

Behold I send My messenger,
And he shall clear the way before Me:
And the Lord, whom ye seek,
Will suddenly come to His temple;
And the messenger of the covenant,
Whom ye delight in,
Behold, he cometh,
Saith the Lord of hosts.
But who may abide the day of his coming?
And who shall stand when he appeareth?
For he is like a refiner's fire,
And like fuller's soap;
And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,
And he shall purify the sons of Levi,
And purge them as gold and silver;
And there shall be they that shall offer unto the Lord
Offerings in righteousness,
Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem
Be pleasant unto the Lord,
As in the days of old,
And as in ancient years.

And I will come near to you to judgment;
And I will be a swift witness

Against those that oppress the hireling in his wages,
The widow, and the fatherless,
And that turn aside the stranger from his right,
And fear not Me,
Saith the Lord of hosts.

And all nations shall call you happy;
For ye shall be a delightsome land,
Saith the Lord of hosts.

Remember ye the law of Moses My servant,
Which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel,
Even statutes and ordinances.
Behold, I will send you
Elijah the prophet
Before the coming
Of the great and terrible day of the Lord.
And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children
And the heart of the children to their fathers.

Chapter 3.

PRONOUNCING LIST

ā—pāy; ă—băd; ä—ärt; ē—mē; ĕ—bĕd; ē—fērn; ī—īce; ĭ—tĭn; ō—gō; ŏ—nŏt; ū—rūle; u—full; ŭ—rŭn.

Aaron, ā′ rŏn
Abraham, ā′ bra-hăm
Achor, ā′ kŏr
Ahaz, ā′ hăz
Amariah, ăm″a-rī′ a
Amittai, ă-mĭt′ ī
Ammi, ăm′ mĭ
Amon, ā′ mŏn
Amorite, ăm′ or-īte
Amos, ā′ mŏs
Amoz, ā′ mŏz
Anathoth, ăn′ a-thŏth
Aram, ā′ răm
Asshur, ăsh′ ŭr
Assyria, ăs-sĭr′ ĭ-ă
Baal, bā′ ăl
Babylon, băb′ ĭ-lŏn
Balaam, bā′ lăm
Balak, bā′ lăk
Bashan, bā′ shăn
Beeri, be-ē′ rĭ
Beer-sheba, bĕr-shē′ bä
Beor, bē′ or
Berechiah, bĕr-ĕk′ ĭ-äh
Beth-aven, bĕth-ā′ vĕn
Beth-el, bĕth′ ĕl
Bozrah, bōz′ räh
Caphtor, căf′ tŏr
Carmel, kär′ mĕl
Chaldean, kăl-dē′ ăn
Chebar, kē′ bär
Cush, kush
Cushi, ku′ shĭ
Cyrus, cy′ rŭs
Damascus, dă-măs′ kŭs
Darius, dă-rī′ ŭs
David, dā′ vĭd
Diblaim, dĭb-lā-im
Eden, ē′ dn
Edom, ē′ dŏm
Egypt, ē′ jĭpt
Elam, ē′ lăm
Elijah, ē-lī′ jäh
Elkoshite, ĕl-kŏsh′ īt
Ephraim, ē′ frā-ĭm
Ethiopian, ē″thĭ-ō′ pĭ-ăn
Ezekiel, ē-zē′ kĭ-ĕl
Gedaliah, gĕd-ă′ lĭ-äh
Gilead, gĭl′-ĭ-ăd
Gilgal, gĭl′ găl
Gomer, gō′ mĕr
Gomorrah, go-mŏr′ a

Habakkuk, hă-băk′ ŭk
Haggai, hăg′ ī
Hamath, hā′ măth
Hazael, hā′ zā-ĕl
Hezekiah, hĕz″-ĕ-kī′ äh
Hilkiah, hĭl-kī′ äh
Horeb, hō′ rĕb
Hosea, hō′ zā′ äh
Isaiah, ī-zā′ yäh
Israel, ĭz′ rĭ-ĕl
Jacob, jā′ kŏb
Jehoiakim, jĕ-hoy′ ă-kĭm
Jehoshaphat, jĕ-hŏsh′ ă-făt
Jehozadak, jĕ-hōz′ ă-dăk
Jehu, jē′ hū
Jeremiah, jĕr-ĕ-mī′ äh
Jeroboam, jĕr″ ŏ-bō′ ăm
Jerusalem, jĕ-rū′ să-lĕm
Jeshurun, jĕ-shū′ rŭn
Jesse, jĕs′ ĭ
Jezreel, jĕz′ rĕ-ĕl
Joash, jō′ ăsh
Joel, jō′ ĕl
Jonah, jō′ näh
Joppa, jŏp′ äh
Joshua, jŏsh′ ū-äh
Josiah, jō-sī′ äh
Jotham, jŏ′ thăm
Judah, jū′ däh
Kir, kĭr
Lebanon, lĕb′ ă-nŏn
Levi, lē′ vĭ
Lo-ammi, lō-ăm′ mĭ
Lo-ruhamah, lō″ rū′ hä-mäh
Malachi, măl′ ă-kī
Malcam, măl′ kăm
Micah, mī′ käh
Miriam, mĭr′ ĭ-ăm
Moab, mō′ ăb
Morashtite, mŏ-răsh′ tīt
Moses, mō′ zĕz
Nahum, nā′ hŭm
Nazirite, năz′ ĭ-rĭt
Nebuchadrezzar, nĕb″ u-kăd- [rĕz′ zar
Nineveh, nĭn′ ĕ-vĕh
Obadiah, ō-bă-dī′ äh
Pathros, păth′ rŏs
Pethuel, pĕ-thū′ ĕl
Pharaoh, fā′ rō
Philistine, fĭ-lĭs′ tĭn
Ramah, rā′ mäh
Ruhamah, rū′ hä-mäh
Samaria, să-mā′ rĭ-a
Sharon, shăr′ on
Shealtiel, shē-ăl′ tĭ-ăl
Shinar, shĭ′ när
Shiloh, shī′ lōh
Shittem, shĭt′ ĭm
Sodom, sŏ′ dŏm
Tarshish, tär′ shĭsh
Tekoa, tĕ-kō′ ă
Tel-Abib, tel-″ ă-bĭb′
Teman, tē′ măn
Tyre, tīr
Uzziah, ŭz-zī′ äh
Zechariah, zĕk″ ă-rī′ äh
Zephaniah, zĕf″ ă-nĭ′ -äh
Zerubbabel, zĕ-rūb′ a-bĕl
Zion, zī′ ŏn